

MPs demand death penalty in anti-IRA Bill

Conservative MPs. Mrs Jill Knight and Mr Percival, tabled an amendment last night to the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, seeking to restore the death penalty for terrorist murders. They have the support of

70 of their Tory colleagues. The Bill, published yesterday, proscribes the IRA, makes membership of it or support for it an offence, empowers the Home Secretary to expel terrorists from Britain or to prevent their entry.

Complaint of Ulster as 'Devil's Island'

George Clark, Conservative MP for Percival, QC, MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, by 70 other Conservative MPs, published yesterday, to reintroduce the death penalty for acts of terrorism.

It is clear that citizens of the United Kingdom, resident in Northern Ireland because they are under suspicion of having taken part or assisted in acts of terrorism in Great Britain.

Mr Short, Leader of the House, will be pressed to arrange such a debate when he replies to business questions in the Commons today.

He also complained that although he is representing United Kingdom citizens in the United Kingdom Parliament he will, under the order, have to sign an immigration card to get into England to attend the Commons.

Signatories to the amendment tabled last night include Mr Kershaw (Stroud), Mr Macfarlane (Sutton and Chess), Sir Edward Brown (Bath), Mr Mather (Essex), Mr Mates (Petersfield), Mr Franks (Bristol), Mr Cooke (Bristol, West), Mr Churchill (Surrey), Mr Bennett (Waltham Forest, Chislehurst), and Mr Edward Taylor (Glasgow, Cathcart).

On summary conviction, a person would be liable to up to six months' imprisonment, or a fine not exceeding £400, or both.

Mr Short said last night that the amendment had been tabled by the Table Office and he was not certain that he would call it in the Commons today.

Prosecutions will require the consent of the Attorney General. The new offence covers persons who belong to the organization; who solicit or invite financial or other support for it; who knowingly make or receive any contribution in money or otherwise to the resources of the organization; or who arrange or assist in the arrangement or management of, or address, any meeting of three or more persons (whether or not it is a meeting to which the public are admitted) knowing that the meeting is to support or to further the activities of a proscribed organization.

Palestinians round up hijack suspects

Paul Martin
Nov 27
More than 26 guerrilla rebels of the PLO in the West Bank and Gaza have been rounded up by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Policemen badly hurt by Chelsea bombs

By Staff Reporters
Five policemen and a bomb disposal expert were seriously injured when two bombs exploded in Chelsea, just after 10 o'clock last night.

Mr al-Hout said, "Even the United States is not able to prevent acts of this sort. And our moment is certainly as big as the United States".

The first explosion destroyed a pillar box. The second, which caused the injuries, was thought to have been caused by a parcel bomb placed under the window of a grocery shop.

Asked to make a distinction between legitimate guerrilla activity and terrorism, Mr al-Hout said, "The revolution takes up arms in the name of the revolution and then uses big arms against the revolution and against its interests then he is engaging in terrorist activity and not the struggle of the freedom fighter".

It was the second outbreak of bombing in London this week. The bombs exploded in central London pillar boxes during the evening rush-hour on Monday, injuring 21 people.

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The third exploded on January 7 when a 15lb bomb went off outside the home, in Cadogan Gardens, Chelsea, of Major-General Philip Ward, GOC London District and commanding officer of the Household Division. Nobody was hurt but the basement of the house was wrecked.

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French Prime Minister warns TV strikers

Richard Wigg
Nov 27
Charles de Gaulle, the French Prime Minister, today told Parliament personally given the right to the police to clear the streets of the director-general of French state television and network (ORTF) when it is invaded by striking journalists.

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Mr Hayward, Mr Mikardo and Mr Callaghan at the Labour conference yesterday (another photograph, page 6).

Mr Callaghan's warning on social contract

By Michael Hatfield
Mr Callaghan, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, yesterday warned delegates at the opening of the Labour Party conference: "In a very real sense, adherence to the social contract puts on trial whether our society has the will and determination to solve its problems by democratic means."

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Franco ex-minister interrogated

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Nov 27
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Mr Crosland may fail to save Channel Tunnel

Environment Secretary Mr Anthony Crosland's proposals for keeping the Channel Tunnel project alive with a delayed timetable seem unlikely to succeed. After the scrapping of the Government's plans for a high speed rail link between London and the tunnel, the British Channel Tunnel Company and its French counterpart are to reassess their position. The two companies are expected to insist on contractual rights to pull out of the project on January 1.

Oil groups forced into price-cutting war

Recent changes in Arab pricing policies are forcing major oil companies to cut the price of crude to their independent customers including European and Japanese refiners. Increase in royalties and coupled with reductions in posted prices have made cuts necessary to enable the combines to compete with state oil companies.

Fees for finding flats

An accommodation agency may charge a commission for finding a tenant a flat, the House of Lords held yesterday. The decision clears up a law about which there had been differing interpretations. Law Report, page 9

Power bills to rise 5pc

The Electricity Council plans to increase prices to all quarterly account customers by around 5 per cent from January 1. The rise, notified to the Price Commission last night, results from the September increase in coal prices. Page 19

'Last Tango' move fails

The case concerning the film Last Tango in Paris brought under the Obscene Publications Act failed yesterday on a point of law. The jury returned formal verdicts of not guilty on two counts faced by the distributor concerning the public showing in a London cinema. Page 5



The runner-up in last week's Miss World contest, Miss Annelise Kriel, of South Africa (above), has been named the new holder of the title after the resignation of Miss Helen Morgan (United Kingdom). Miss Morgan, who has a baby son, said in a statement that she resigned because of a great deal of anguish had been caused by undesirable publicity. Page 2

Bonn to tighten up law in war on terrorism

In its latest move to combat terrorism, the West German Government intends to amend the criminal code and the rules of criminal procedure. Changes to be proposed to Parliament would make it possible to prosecute people for advocating violence, inciting others to violence, giving a false alarm and threatening to commit serious offences. Page 7

£50m loan to Citroen

The ailing Citroen car industry is expected to receive a loan of 500m francs (about £50m) from the French Government to enable the long projected merger with Peugeot to go through, according to reports from Paris. Citroen shares rallied on the Paris Bourse yesterday as a result of President Giscard's promise of "unparalleled funds" to assist industrial reorganization. Page 17

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India postpones Briton's trial for fourth time

From Our Own Correspondent
Delhi, Nov 27
The trial of Miss Mary Tyler, the British school teacher accused of involvement in Maximalist (Maoist) activity in India, was postponed for the fourth time in Jamsheer today at the request of the public prosecutor. Miss Tyler has been in prison awaiting trial for more than four years. The repeated postponements have been caused by the prosecution's pleas for more time to collate evidence. Miss Tyler, who is in her thirties, was one of 52 persons arrested in May, 1970, in the forests near Jamshedpur, about 20 miles from Jamsheer. Page 17

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HOME NEWS

BBC forced to make cuts before year ends if licence fee is not increased, chairman says

By a Staff Reporter

Unless the Government decided soon about an increase in the BBC's licence fee some cuts would have to be made before the end of the year...

three great imperatives: the rate of inflation; how long the Government meant the fee to last; and what the BBC would have to do...

House will have noticed it is getting a bit cold. He pointed out that in 1973 the corporation had spent £2.5m on electricity, oil and gas...

Miss South Africa is new Miss World

By Martin Huckerby

The new Miss World is Anneline Kriel, Miss South Africa. She took over the title yesterday after the organizers of the contest had accepted the resignation of Miss Helen Morgan...

Roman Catholic bishops unite to condemn brutal killings

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

In a message to be read in all Roman Catholic churches and chapels in England and Wales on Sunday, the hierarchy has condemned the brutal and indiscriminate killings caused by the bomb explosions in Birmingham...

acts of terrorism must not allow a wedge to be driven between the English and Irish people in the name of violence...

Anglo-Irish security talks likely soon

From Christopher Walker Dublin

Wide-ranging discussion between the Irish and British governments over new means of curbing the IRA are to begin in the next few days...

Conciliation aim fails to end press dispute

Conciliation moves to avert a dispute threatening Fleet Street newspapers failed last night. Mr John Bonfield, general secretary of the National Graphical Association...

Boroughs call for pruning of staff to save money

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

As local authorities in England and Wales began to work out the effect of the Government's rate-support grant on their own rate levels for next year, the London boroughs faced the consequences of an estimated average increase for Londoners of between two-fifths and a half...

per cent in the teachers' salary bill. It is in this sort of area that you can start saving money, not by cutting members' attendance allowances or cancelling the Lord Mayor's party...

Bill bans the IRA and widens police powers

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public place wears any item of dress, weeds, caps or displays any article, in such circumstances as to arouse reasonable apprehension that he is a member or supporter of a proscribed organization shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £200...

Anti-IRA Bill may have serious implications

From Robert Fisk Belfast

Mr Jenkins's proposed legislation against the IRA may hold serious implications for Northern Ireland. Several lawyers in Belfast believe that Ulster men suspected of terrorist offences in Britain, against whom no charges have been laid, could be held without trial under the provisions of the legislation if they were deported...

MP's wife names ex-MP's wife

By Paul Routledge

Mr Dudley Smith, Conservative MP for Warwick and Leamington, was granted a decree nisi at Watford County Court yesterday because of his wife's adultery with Mr Trevor Fortescue, former Conservative MP for Liverpool.

Cambridge president

By Paul Routledge

Mr David Bean, of Trinity Hall, son of the late Mr Justice Bean, was elected unopposed yesterday as president of the Cambridge Union.

Lady Power divorced

By Paul Routledge

Lady Power, wife of Sir John Power, aged 46, a former MP for Liverpool, was granted a decree nisi in London yesterday.



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Miners reject blind loyalty

By Paul Routledge

A foretaste of the difficulties awaiting the Labour leadership at the party conference came last night when miners' leaders refused to agree to a proposal that the union should give carte-blanche support to the party executive.

Mrs Williams defends EEC

By Paul Routledge

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, explained to a meeting of the Labour Committee for Europe yesterday why she still wanted Britain to stay in the EEC even though she disapproved of some of the Community's methods.

Powell house sale

By Paul Routledge

The former Wolverhampton home of Mr Enoch Powell, MP, is on the market again because the purchaser for £5,700 two months ago has failed to complete.

TV strike threat

By Paul Routledge

Independent television producers and directors are to strike next week in support of a claim for a share of overseas sales profits from programmes they make.

Mrs Thatcher's food store to beat inflation

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher, Conservative spokesman on economic affairs, is beating inflation in food prices by stocking up with tins of ham, tongue and sardines. In a taped interview to be published tomorrow in Pre-Retirement Choice, Mrs Thatcher says she has been doing it for some time.

Weather forecast and recordings

By Our Social Services Correspondent

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded Symbols are on advancing edge

Weather forecast and recordings section containing a weather map, a table of sun/moon rises and sets, and a list of forecasts for various locations.

Fire-bomb charge

By Paul Routledge

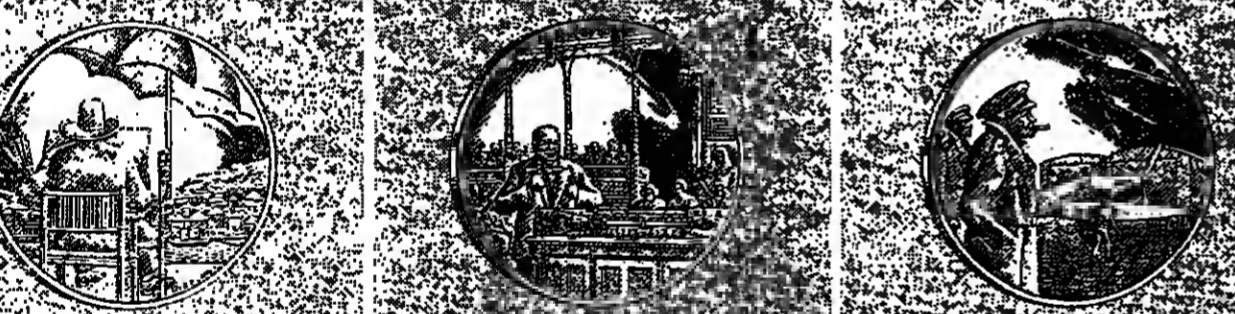
An Irish labourer was manded in custody in Birmingham yesterday on a fire charge. Michael Joseph, 28, was charged with damaging office furniture and Sheldon L. Aston, on July 25.

Chairman retires

By Paul Routledge

Lord Brooke of Cumnor, the former Home Secretary, last night retired as chairman of the Association of Independent Conservative Peers, a post he had held for nearly five years.

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HOME NEWS

Three family doctors out of four approve of abortion on social grounds, medical poll discloses

By John Roper Medical Reporter

Three family doctors in four approved of abortion on social grounds whether for a schoolgirl who had planned a career before marriage or for a married woman with four children and limited financial means, according to a survey published today.

approved of an abortion for the schoolgirl or mother of four, about 33 per cent disapproved, and the rest were "don't know".

The 26 per cent of doctors who disapproved of liberal attitudes to abortion had remained unchanged in number for at least two years. But abortion on social grounds was still not available easily in all parts of the country.

Sewage men in Glasgow end strike of 2 months

From A Staff Reporter Glasgow

The unofficial strike by sewage workers in Glasgow, which has lasted two months and permitted 22 million tons of raw sewage to enter the Clyde, ended yesterday.

Colonel's murderers are jailed for life

Sean O'Connell, an English-born gunman who shot dead an army camp commandant in the name of the IRA, was jailed last night for life for murder.

shocking murder, a really cold-blooded one, of an innocent officer (Lieutenant Colonel John Stevenson, commandant of Ochterburn training camp, Northumberland) at his own home, you then went back to your hotel quarters, loaded your revolver and attacked two good police officers who were devoted to their duty."

Man killed for woman he had known 10 days

An engineer from Glasgow was jailed for life yesterday for murdering the husband of his mistress, a woman he had known for only 10 days.

home, Carleigh Farm, Dunrobin, on August 2 or 3. Lord Maxwell, the judge, said he was obliged by law to sentence Mr Watt to life imprisonment.

Lord Chancellor urges lawyers to help reduce delays

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

Lawyers acting in criminal cases could do more to reduce delays in the courts, Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, said yesterday.

The latest figures showed that in London the average time spent by defendants in custody awaiting trial was 10 1/2 weeks; those on bail waited for an average of 17 1/2.

The Lord Chancellor said, however, that the number of commitments to the higher courts had increased by nearly a fifth this year over the figures for 1973.

defining which issues were in dispute and which were not. They should also give early intimation when their client was going to plead guilty, and tell the other side when particular facts were being admitted, so saving the need to call witnesses.

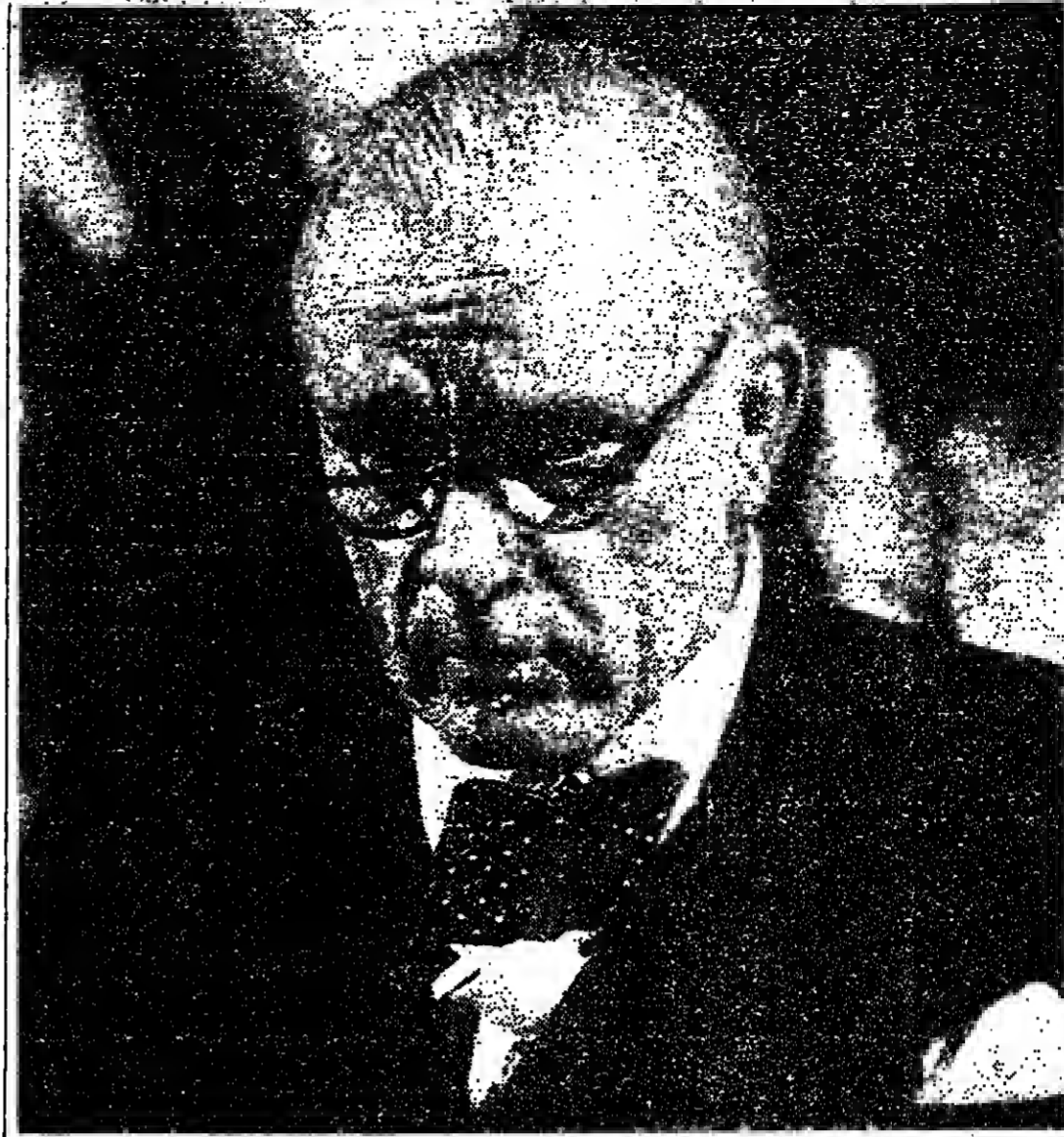
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Egypt: today's hieroglyphics deciphered.

On December 16th, The Times is publishing a Special Report on Egypt. What has happened to Egypt since the October war? What political, economic and social changes have there been? What are the new names and faces in Egypt's government and Armed Forces?

cities of Egypt, the rebuilding of the war-damaged towns, Egypt's Armed Forces and the lessons they learnt from the war, Egypt's tourism, agriculture and education, her civil aviation, communications and the press, the state of Egyptian wines, as well as how Tutankhamun is helping Philae's temples.



Richard Burton as Winston Churchill in "Walk with Destiny", to be shown on BBC1 on December 1.

£36m plan approved for centre of new city

By Our Planning Reporter

Approval of a £36m plan to build the commercial, social and cultural centre of the city of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, was announced by development corporation yesterday. It is said to be the largest project of its kind in Europe and is due to be completed by 1977-78.

Girl says she would not let lover confess

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

Carol England, aged 18 North Nottingham, said yesterday that she would not let her lover confess to a killing because she did not want to be left alone in the house.

Move to ease load on self-employed

By Our Political Staff

The Conservative Opposition will make another attempt in the Lords to remove from Mrs Castle's Social Security Bill the provision that self-employed persons must pay almost double the rate of national insurance contributions.

yesterday (our Social Services Correspondent writes). "If we want to warm the elderly the rest of us will feel the draught", he told delegates to the four-day conference organized by Age Concern on the place of the retired in modern society.

ness or social class", Mr Lyon said. Sir Keith Joseph was right to be concerned about morality, but he had set the boundaries too narrowly.

Date on Katyn memorial questioned by counsel

By A Staff Reporter

The suitability of the intended inscription for the proposed Katyn memorial, giving the date of the massacre of 4,500 Polish officers as 1940, was questioned by counsel for the Archdeacon of Middlesex at the resumed hearing on the petition for the memorial at the London diocesan consistory court yesterday.

of the officers were found in the Katyn forest, near Smolensk, but not until 1943. If the date of the massacre was 1940, the Russians would clearly have been responsible. But if, as the Russians allege, the date was 1941, the blame would fall on the Germans, who by that time had occupied the territory.

Lancashire show to be wound up

The 200-year-old Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society is to go into liquidation, and letters have been sent to creditors warning them that they are unlikely to be paid in full.

Boy found guilty of murder

A boy of 16, who struck a man after an alleged homosexual advance, was found guilty of murder at Leeds Crown Court yesterday and ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure.

Two authors share fiction prize

By Philip Howard The Booker Prize for fiction, Britain's most honourable and valuable literary award, has been won jointly by two authors this year: Nadine Gordimer, the South African, and Stanley Middleton, of Nottingham.

ger or a successful farmer novelist of psychological crisis says cheerfully, "I was p down as a social realist. I after you at The Times with knife. I do not just evade people in the streets, and down what they say. What requires imagination and effort."

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HOME NEWS

Special compensation for woman who lost hand in embassy blast

Staff Reporters More than £91,000 has been paid out to victims of bomb attacks in Britain, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board says in its annual report. But, with other criminal injuries, all victims are making claims.

Court bomb explosion on March 8, 1973, the injuries board's report estimates there were 186 possible claims, but 103 (55 per cent) were received.



Bridget Dugdale waving from a police van on her way back to Limerick prison yesterday.

Dugdale sentence for hijacking adds little to jail term

Bridget Rose Dugdale, aged 34, was sentenced at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday to nine years' imprisonment for her part in a helicopter hijacking in Donegal in January.

The helicopter was used in an unsuccessful bombing raid on a Northern Ireland police station. Miss Dugdale's sentence will mean only an extra five months and two days on a nine-year term imposed by the court in June, when she was convicted for receiving 19 Old Masters stolen in Co. Wicklow.

On Tuesday the court found her guilty of five charges and yesterday sentenced her to nine years on each count relating to the illegal seizure and control of the helicopter. She was also sentenced to five years for possessing explosives; three for control of a firearm; and three for taking a motor car without the consent of its owner while possessing a firearm. All sentences are concurrent and run from yesterday.

As she was led down from the dock, Miss Dugdale called out: "I don't need to say any more. The court has spoken for me... victory in the 'Provos'."

'Last Tango' case fails on point of law

The showing of the film Last Tango in Paris to a cinema audience was not a "publication" within the meaning of the Obscene Publications Act, a judge decided at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. A case against United Artists Corporation, the distributor, in a private prosecution, was rejected on a point of law.

He accepted a defence argument that there was no evidence that the film would be shown to deprave or corrupt persons who were likely to read, see or hear the matter contained in it.

Church pay rises sought

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent The Methodist Church finance department has recommended pay rises averaging a fifth for 2,500 ministers. That includes an increase of more than £700 on the salaries of the highest paid.

The rises have been calculated to compensate for the rise in the cost of living since the last increases. The Methodist Conference will also be asked to cut the number of different pay scales from eight to four and lower differentials between the highest and lowest paid.

Jailer to be charged after assault in cell

From Our Correspondent A police jailer is to be charged after a prisoner beat another man in a neighbouring cell. David Cleotins, a labourer is jailed for one day at Portsmouth Crown Court yesterday after pleading guilty to using the man actual bodily harm at the underground cells Portsmouth Central police station.

Girl of 15 sent to mental hospital over burglaries

A girl aged 15, who spent a week on remand at Holloway prison earlier this month, was sent yesterday to an adolescent unit at a mental hospital in what police and social workers say is one of the saddest cases since the controversial Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, came into force.

MP seeks equality in public appointments for women

George Clark Political Correspondent Bill to ensure that appointments to various public bodies, using the House of Lords, all consist of women and 1 in equal numbers" was introduced by Mrs Green Colquhoun, Labour MP for Northampton, North, and he first measure seeking such definite rights to men to be introduced in Parliament.

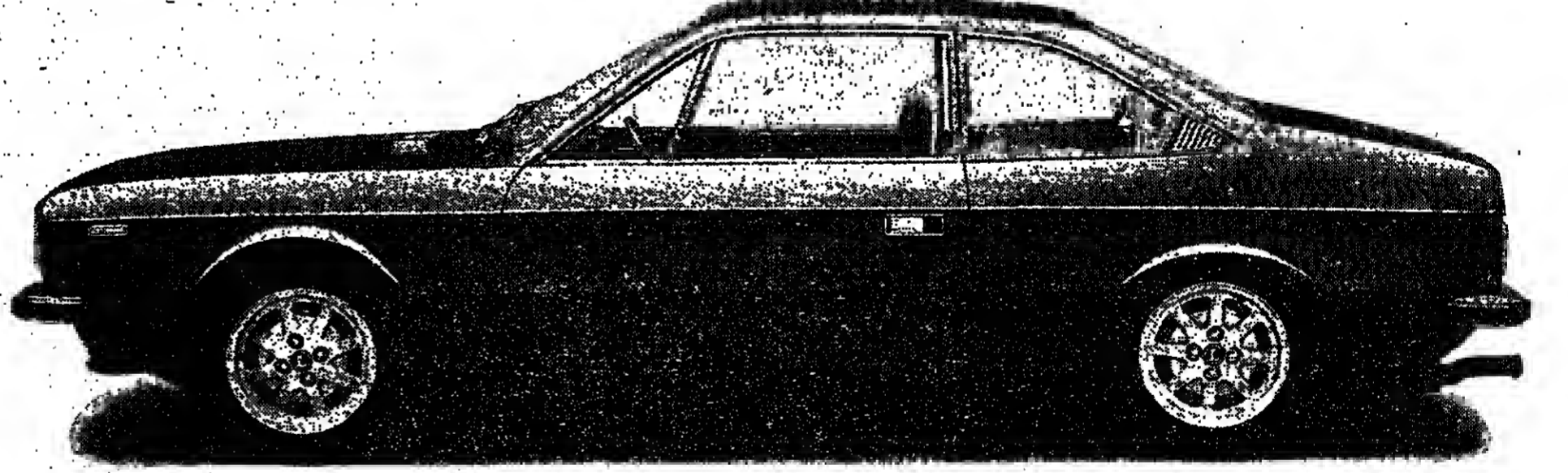
Bill, which will come up for second reading on February 7, Mr Whitto seeks to combat some of the abuses that have been reported. In particular, he wants to deal with the routing for "customers", particularly among women coming to Britain for abortions because they are illegal in their homelands.

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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Social contract puts society on trial, Mr Callaghan says

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Adherence to the social contract put on trial the issue of whether our society had the will to determine to solve its problems by democratic means...

Labour as long as they saw the connexion between Labour's measures and their needs and if they felt that Labour's proposals were intended to put right what was wrong with society.

Some trade unionists would not abide by the contract, but they should remember that a widespread failure to meet would bring more inflation and unemployment.

The NEC and the Government would not drift apart and there was a common determination to see that policies on which the Government was elected would be carried out.

Labour had warned the nation to the manifest of the serious problems we faced, but it was not a short-term crisis that could be solved by some master stroke...

Mr Callaghan said the Labour movement stood by the judgment it made when the contract was voluntarily sealed; namely, that if we were to do it, we must do it in every part it would give Britain the best chance of a lifetime to make a new start.

Mr Callaghan thanked delegates and voluntary workers in the Labour movement for their selfless determination to meet the conference, which had enabled the party to win two successive general elections.

The people had now given Labour a clear mandate, he said. Labour would now govern for the nation as a whole.



Mrs. Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, having a word with Mr Wilson during yesterday's session.

When in these circumstances the trade union movement asked us to put the needy, the sick and the elderly first they knew what they were doing. They knew that it meant their members would have to stand back a little but they showed their sense of social class and solidarity with those in greatest need; that is what this movement stands for.

whether our society has the will and determination to solve its problems by democratic means. The NEC welcomed the Government's intention to legislate for new elected assemblies in Scotland and Wales. It did so on the principle that the centre of policy-making should be as near as possible to the point where policies took effect.

Mr Callaghan went on: "We live as previous generations have always done, in a world in which freedom and human dignity are under continuous attack. The boundaries will narrow unless they are constantly manned. In Britain, as elsewhere, freedom and human dignity are under attack."

Politicians 'treated as puppets by media'

Mr Ronald Hayward, the Labour Party general secretary, reviewing the results of the past two general elections, said that the party should not consent to see politicians treated like puppets by the media.

"In the February election we suggested that the BBC television coverage was generally slanted against the Labour Party in that election," he said. "We are unhappy about the situation in the October election. The national executive committee decided to seek outside expert assistance..."

Mr Hayward commented: "Politicians must not conduct elections in their own democratic way. Although the media have an important part to play in the life of this nation, we should not pander to political passions..."

ANTI-TERRORISM BILL

Measure to proscribe organizations will widen detention powers and allow deportation

The Bill to proscribe organizations and to give power to exclude certain persons from Great Britain or the United Kingdom in order to prevent terrorism... Part I: Proscribed Organizations... (1) Subject to subsection (7)...

(2) Any organization for the time being specified in Schedule 1 to this Act as a proscribed organization... (3) The Secretary of State may by order add to Schedule 1 to this Act any organization...

(4) Any power to make an order conferred by section 1, 6, 8 or 12 of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument... (5) Any power to make an order conferred by section 1, 6, 8 or 12 of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument...

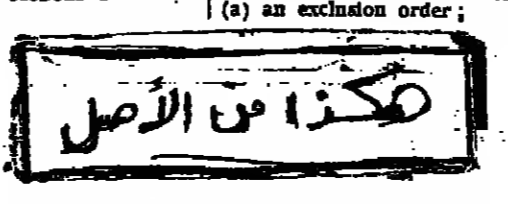
(6) Any power to make an order conferred by section 1, 6, 8 or 12 of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument... (7) In the application of this paragraph to Scotland...

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1: Proscribed Organizations; Schedule 2: Exclusion Orders; Schedule 3: Calculation of Period of Residence...

Part II: General and Miscellaneous

1. A constable may arrest without warrant a person whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be a person liable to be arrested...



WEST EUROPE Giscard amends criminal code in drive to combat terrorism

Dan van der Vat
Nov 27

West German Government today announced a series of amendments to the criminal code and the rules of criminal procedure as the latest move in its present campaign against terrorism.

Cabinet approved the amendments 24 hours after a wide police drive against suspected active supporters of the Red Army Faction group of East German guerrillas in the codeword Operation Journey.

Criminal law reform Bill introduced in Parliament shortly. Herr Vogel, the Minister of Justice, told a conference today that it designed to close certain gaps in the criminal code, make three amendments to the code for advocating or inciting others to do so, for giving a false warning, and for threatening to commit serious crimes.

Bill sought to draw a line between serious crime and freedom of expression on the one hand and inflammatory material, as incitement to revolution, detailed pamphlets on how to make bombs or practice ill techniques, on the other.

Herr Vogel said the second criminal procedure amendment Bill will also be introduced in the Bundestag, incorporating three changes in the handling of suspected suspects.

Judge will preside over trials in prison between a judge and his lawyer where suspicion exists that the accused is a member of the Red Army Faction group have been announced by this means supporters outside, and lawyers have passed private secret papers included in one case.

a highly sensitive report by the Federal Criminal Bureau.

Only prisoners suspected of the most serious offences will be subjected to this supervision, and the judge who will be bound to keep silence about what he hears, must have no connexion with the handling of the prisoner's case.

The number of defence lawyers allowed to represent a prisoner will be limited to five. This decision is because of the complications caused by prisoners obtaining services of a team of sympathetic lawyers. Herr Vogel cited one case where 18 lawyers were working for one defendant, and another in which 22 were involved.

The Bill also will enable a court to proceed with a case where the defendant has by his own actions made himself unfit to appear in court or remain in normal detention. This is clearly aimed at the alleged leaders of the Baader-Meinhof group, who are now in a hunger strike. It is hoped that both Bills will become law before next spring, when the accused face trial in Stuttgart.

Herr Vogel and Professor Michhofer, the Minister of Justice, told the press conference about the results of a police operation, which is understood to have involved simultaneous raids yesterday in about 15 different areas of West Germany by a force of about 3,000.

Armed with 81 search warrants and 10 warrants of arrest issued by state and federal authorities, the police searched a total of 96 homes and offices. Of the 10 people for whom warrants were issued, nine were found, and the people were arrested on suspicion.

The main areas of operation were West Berlin and Hamburg.

Professor Michhofer said that among other things, the plans of prisons and other official buildings, false documents and car number plates, skeleton keys, explosives, chloroform, small arms and ammunition and radio transmitters.

Brilliant all-powerful President fails to fill the role of father figure desired by so many French people

Idle monarch of the Elysée Palace

From Charles Kargrove
Paris, Nov 27

French are worried: The latest opinion poll showed a record number of pessimists. They are worried about inflation and unemployment. But they are also worried about the ability of their president to come to grips with these problems. His personal credibility has slipped sharply in the past weeks as the number of jobless has risen.

All this is perfectly natural. After the euphoria of the first 100 days of the new presidency, there was bound to be a rude awakening when the stark facts of the economic situation looked the country straight in the eye, as M. Giscard d'Estaing claimed he did during the elections.

At first, the Government seemed to react too little and too late, and there were clamours to the press and public opinion for the President to speak out and give the country the austerity it needed. The anti-inflation plan began to hurt, the economic cooling-off came on with a rush, and the victims cried out for a reprieve.

The President remained Olympian, silent, and apparently detached, clothed in an indestructible optimism, while his fellow countrymen groped in the darkness of the

tunnel, he concentrated his gaze on the light at the end of it. "France is no longer a monarchy", M. Giscard d'Estaing said last night on television. Institutionally, of course, this is so, but not psychologically. The Fifth Republic has restored the old concept of the providential father figure; to whom the nation turns for guidance in times of trouble, and has consolidated it into a system of government.

"I do not want to govern France alone", he said. "Many Frenchmen think that for things to go well, all France needs is a good president." But M. Giscard d'Estaing cannot escape the logic of the system he has inherited. The government of the country is concentrated in his hands to an even greater extent than under his predecessors.

Le Monde noted that for all his desire for collective responsibility, he is himself guilty of that "solitary exercise of power" with which he taxed General de Gaulle seven years ago.

The Government gives the impression of an ill-assorted collection of names, in which technicians predominate over politicians. Apart from three or four key figures, the ministers are more shadowy figures than under M. Pompidou.

M. Giscard d'Estaing is his own political expert. He trusts his own inspiration and intuition more than professional civil servants.

He prefers direct contact, impromptu conversations, to formal sessions. He drops in on his advisers to try out a new idea on them. He rings up people unawares, or escapes without warning from the gilded cage of the Elysée, while his advisers vainly try to trace his whereabouts, as they are reported to have done at the time of the terrorist attack on the French Embassy at The Hague.

This conception of the presidency, more modern, liberal, and open to the outside world, is not unattractive to Frenchmen, though they are suspicious of change for change's sake. They would not object to the "solitary exercise of power" either, provided that the power were felt to be exercised.

The truth is that they have a vague impression that their President really takes too detached and relaxed a view of their problems, that he does not work hard enough. During his 11 years at the Elysée, M. Giscard d'Estaing's vast intelligence, his complete grasp of all the problems, and his quickness of mind made up for his distaste for slogginess.

Norway plans trawler-free zone in January

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Jens Evensen, the Norwegian minister responsible for fisheries, has said in London that he hoped to introduce trawler-free zones off Norway in January. He would be meeting British ministers in Oslo to try and finalize the arrangement, and is having talks with a number of other countries.

Dr Evensen said a previous conference that he hoped it would be possible to find a mutually satisfactory agreement.

French angry with Vatican

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 27

The Vatican tonight attacked the French for seeking to interfere in the French Parliament's debate on a Government proposal to liberalize the abortion laws. "From many sides voices are being raised to express indignation at such interference," a leading article said, recalling that the separation of Church and state was 71 years old in France.

Referring to the Vatican's "declaration on procured abortion", it said no one could doubt it was aimed to come on the eve of the debate.

The Vatican insisted on an absolute respect for human life, but why had Pope Pius XII spoken so little in public against Hitler's mass killings or the Vatican's silence on torture in Algeria or Latin America?

A Socialist deputy had earlier tabled a question asking the Government what representations it proposed making to the Vatican for its "interference in the internal affairs of France".

itch Premier yielding on Netherlands blockade

Our Correspondent
The Hague, Nov 27

Den Oyl, the Dutch Prime Minister, today told Parliament his Government had no intention of giving way to the drivers who have paralyzed almost all the traffic border posts leading into the Netherlands. The amount of force would be he said, but the Government could not stand by and see a road safety measure, democratically by a big majority, threatened by "common civil disobedience".

Preparations are being made in the Army to tow the cars away if the drivers will of their own accord. The cars are protesting against introduction of the tachograph, which records the hours of the lorries, on December 1. They blocked more than 35 roads and are stopping boarding, and sometimes the ferries and roll-off services to England.

As to the accident, he succeeded in moving the off two of the main roads.

Commission defends stand of British EEC officials

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 27

The European Commission hit back today at attacks by anti-EEC Labour MPs on protection of Community speaking, by the two British commissioners, and on the activities of the Commission's own information office in London.

Mr Peter Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade, yesterday described recent speeches made in Britain by Sir Christopher Soames and Mr George Thomson as "blatant propaganda".

According to sources close to the Commission, Mr Shore's remarks showed a misunderstanding of the role of the commissioners. This involved not only day to day work in Brussels, but the public explanation and presentation of Community policies, particularly in the member state from which they came.

The sources saw a contradiction to attacks by anti-market-teers on the lack of information about Community decisions taken in secret, and Mr Shore's criticism of Community representatives for explaining them in public.

As for the Commission's

London information office, the source said it was exactly the same in size and activities as similar offices in the other EEC capital cities. No change was planned in coming months.

There are fears in Commission circles that the recent onslaught by anti-market-teers may mark the opening of a campaign to muzzle commissioners and Commission officials in the run-up to a ballot on British membership.

Meanwhile, the British Government has formally tabled a proposal for a decision by the Council of Ministers on the key item in its renegotiation demands: Britain's contribution to the EEC budget. It will be considered by the foreign ministers of the Nine when they meet in Brussels next Monday and Tuesday.

A suggestion that EEC farm prices should rise by about 10 per cent in the new year is expected to emerge from a marathon session of the European Commission, which began today. The suggested increases are likely to be accompanied by a series of other proposals designed to streamline the workings of the Community's agricultural policy.

orker participation plan t to Americans in Bonn

Our Own Correspondent
Nov 27

High-level conference in this week, held in secrecy, is thought to be an attempt to "sell" American big business, the Democrat view on worker participation in the control of (Mitbestimmung).

Two-day talks were attended by leaders of United States and German trade unions and by leaders of international companies on the two countries. Schmidt, the Chancellor, and Finance Minister, and Schröder, Overseas Aid Minister, made speeches.

Official sources point out the foundation which this extraordinary high-level conference is largely led by the ruling Social Democratic Party. I am told the meetings were made after recent hints that the coalition would be a good method of ending the West German Union Federation, which believes that

multinational companies should be put under tighter supervision.

One means of achieving this supervision, the DGB believes, is the Government's plan to extend Mitbestimmung to all companies with over 2,000 employees. This means that the country's 850 largest firms, including offshoots of several multinationals here, will be obliged to submit to the control of a supervisory board on which employees will have parity with shareholders' interests.

Last month, the United States chamber of commerce in Frankfurt began a public dispute with West German trade union leaders by claiming that Mitbestimmung amounted to a partial expropriation of large American firms here.

Among those present at the discussions were senior representatives of such American firms as Mobil Oil, Exxon, Honeywell, Procter and Gamble, IBM, Dupont, and ITT. Also present were leaders of the American AFL-CIO trades union organization.

Italian deputies let Fascism case go for trial

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Nov 27

The Italian Chamber of Deputies has decided by 235 votes to 90 to lift the parliamentary immunity of two extreme right-wing deputies, Signor Servello and Signor Petronio, accused of having re-established the Fascist Party.

These much publicized cases of deputies accused of reviving Fascism tend to overshadow the wider problem of parliamentary immunity. Since this Parliament was elected in May, 1972, the Ministry of Justice has forwarded 205 requests from the judiciary to be allowed to bring cases against deputies, more or less a third of the total membership of the Chamber.

Jet fighters grounded

Copenhagen, Nov 27.—All Swedish-built Drake jet fighters in the Danish Air Force have been grounded pending the investigation of a Draken crash last week—the third involving the aircraft.

United Nations pay 'too high'

Our Correspondent
Nov 27

An aide-memoire sent to member delegates accredited to the United Nations and describes present United States remuneration as "too high" and "unreasonable."

The official United States comment on demands for pay and positions, in which most of the international civil servants working in Geneva will be on a half-day strike on November 28.

Americo statement says if the United Nations claim for an overall 8 per

cent rise were accepted—it estimates the annual cost for all United Nations bodies at more than £5m—the pay scales would be 31 to 56 per cent above United States Civil Service salaries on January 1, compared with 18 to 41 per cent above at present.

United Nations remuneration has continually kept pace with inflation by means of the post-adjustment system, where employees are automatically compensated for each five index points the cost of living rises in their cities of residence," the note adds.

"The salaries of Civil Service in headquarters cities other than New York are half, or less, of the pay rates of the

United Nations. If the United Nations were to base its salaries on these Civil Services, a salary decrease, not an increase, would be necessary."

Because it regards large additional expenditure as "incompatible with the United Nations' serious financial situation," the American Government believes, the note concludes, that member governments "will wish to instruct their delegations in New York to oppose the United Nations salary increase, both in the United Nations administrative and budgetary committee and in the United Nations General Assembly, where a two-thirds majority will be necessary for adoption."

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Chinese doubt value of Kissinger diplomacy after Brezhnev border speech and accord with US

From David Boevis Peking, Nov 27 The talks are being held to what the Chinese must regard as the shadow of the arms control agreement reached between President Ford and Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, at the Vladivostok summit. Peking has made it clear often enough that it has no faith in such agreements and regards them as a threat to its own interests and those of other countries. If the choice of Vladivostok as the site for the meeting was needling to China, Mr Brezhnev delivered a jab with a harpin when he went straight from there to Ulan Bator, Mongolia, and delivered one of the toughest speeches he has ever made on the Soviet Union's border dispute with China. The Chinese have complained often that the presence of Soviet troops in the Mongolian Republic is a threat and a provocation to them. Far Mr Brezhnev to make such a speech in such a place at such a time seems to be a way of rubbing in the results of the Soviet-American summit meeting. Although they have no direct relevance to the Chinese talks with Dr Kissinger, such Soviet tactics can do nothing to improve the atmosphere. Caught between Soviet truc-

lence and Western instability, the Chinese must be wondering whether the vaunted "triangular diplomacy" of Dr Kissinger is really helpful to their interests. If they decide that it is not helpful, the Chinese may drop out of this complex game and concentrate instead on developing their relations with other countries, especially Japan. China has maintained silence on the resignation of Mr Tanaka, the Japanese Prime Minister, and the reasons for it. The leaders here seemed to appreciate him mainly as the man who restored good neighbourly relations between the two countries. With his departure, they may see the possibility of further shifts in Japanese policy. The uncertain situation in Japan is a factor militating strongly against any moves by Dr Kissinger to reduce American relations with the Taiwan regime. This issue is so sensitive to Japan, which has important economic links with Taiwan, that any hasty American move to induce a new spasm of political shock such as was caused in Japan by Mr Nixon's visit to China.

US 'doing nothing' to conserve oil supply

From Frank Vogl Washington, Nov 27 Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, warned President Ford and Congress today that "unless we take stronger measures than we have yet done to conserve oil, to develop alternative sources of energy and to let other industrial nations in a common policy to lighten the burdens that OPEC oil actions have imposed on the world, we may endanger our nation's future." The usually restrained head of America's central banking system suggested that America is facing disaster as a result of its failure to conserve oil. He dismissed President Ford's policies of appeals for voluntary restraint and noted that unless stern action is taken immediately "the United States leadership by rhetoric will be ridiculed around the world." The chief White House spokesman, Mr Ron Nessen, reaffirmed today that Mr Ford remains opposed to any sort of oil tax. The President is holding to this view despite the

Congress inquiry extended to all Rockefeller

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Nov 27 Mr Nelson Rockefeller's arduous before the House of Representatives judiciary committee will continue next week. The liberal leaders on the committee now intend to broaden their inquiry into Mr Rockefeller's suitability as Vice-President with an examination of the wealth, power and influence of his whole family. Mr Rockefeller agreed last week to ask his brothers, his sister, his nephews and his nieces to cooperate with the committee. His family's chief financial adviser, Mr Richardson Dilworth, will testify before the committee next week. He will not be expected to reveal every detail about the fortunes of every member of the family, but will, according to a member of the committee's staff, testify "in a general way about how the family operates." Those who object to Rockefeller's confirmation as Vice-President contend that he is a senior member of a closely-knit family, which operates as a unit and wields enormous power over the American economy. Its political influence should therefore, they strictly circumscribed. The rules committee of the Senate, which finally voted unanimously to recommend his confirmation to the full Senate, examined various less-easily defended aspects of Mr Rockefeller's career. The House committee, so far, has not followed in the Senate's footsteps. It has heard witnesses denouncing the Governor's conduct during the revolt in Attica prison, in New York, and has been told by Mrs Bella Abzug, Congresswoman of New York, that the House vote should be postponed until January when the new Congress takes over.

Mexico breaks diplomatic relations with Chile

From Our Correspondent Mexico City, Nov 27 Mexico broke off diplomatic relations with Chile yesterday—the first non-socialist country to do so. Some observers believe this may be the prelude to similar action by other Latin American countries, particularly those which maintain relations with Cuba. The Mexican Government has been openly sympathetic to the Allende cause in Chile and has provided political asylum for more than 700 Chileans, including Señora Hortensia Euzsai de Allende, the widow of the late Chilean President. Mexico has a long tradition of independence in foreign affairs. It has never recognized General Franco's regime in Spain and still maintains diplomatic relations with the Spanish republican government-in-exile. Mexico was the only Latin American country which refused to break diplomatic relations with Cuba in defiance of a resolution of the Organization of American States. Santiago, Nov 26.—The military junta has expelled Señor Renan Fuentetaja, one of the most influential leaders of the Christian Democratic Party, from Chile, the Ministry of the Interior announced today. An official communiqué said this expulsion followed a statement by Señor Fuentetaja to a foreign agency. In an interview with Agence France-Presse a few hours earlier, Señor Fuentetaja, a former president of the Christian Democrats, expressed the hope that "the full exercise of human rights will be re-established in Chile as soon as possible." He indicated his conviction that human rights were not being respected in Chile and said the majority of the population supported his party. He also criticized the economic policies of the junta. Señor Fuentetaja, who is 58, had been active in his party since 1939. A lawyer by profession, he headed the party six times and was twice Chilean representative at the United Nations, under President Eduardo Frei.—Agence France-Presse.

King Constantine makes strong impression on TV

From Our Correspondent Athens, Nov 27 Political observers in Athens agreed today that King Constantine's first Greek television appearance last night would weigh heavily in favour of the monarchy in the plebiscite of December 8. Even opponents of the monarchy conceded that the King's appearance and the text of his message had made a profound impression on the people. One anti-royalist political leader said privately: "Assuming he already had the support of 20 to 25 per cent of the voters, he must have gained another 10 points since last night." What is more, Opposition politicians who had scoffed at the idea of a royalist victory in a free plebiscite today admitted that this has become a possibility. Viewers who saw King Constantine on the screen for the first time in seven years, found him aged and sad, though dignified and still preserving that touch of aloofness most Greeks expect from their leaders. The emotional appeal was certainly enhanced by the modesty and gravity of his speech. The emotional appeal may be a decisive factor in an electorate in which women, who outnumber men, are by far the more conservative.

Surprise win for Democrats in New Hampshire

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Nov 27 The Democrats have won another victory in Republican territory. Mr John Durkin, the Democratic candidate for the Senate in New Hampshire, was today declared the winner by 10 votes. This victory, if it is sustained, is a rare sign of the ravages of Watergate in a traditionally Republican part of the country. It will mean New Hampshire has two Democratic senators for the first time since the foundation of the Republic Party.

Accused editor's challenge over banning notice

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Nov 27 The system of distributing Government gazettes was challenged today when a newspaper editor and his senior assistant editor appeared in a trial in Durban. Mr Michael John O'Malley, editor of the Natal Daily News, an evening newspaper printed in Durban, and Mr Michael Green, pleaded not guilty in the Durban regional magistrates' court to a charge of contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act. They were accused of publishing a report about a planned pro-Frelimo (Mozambique Liberation Front) rally in Durban after it had been banned by the Government. The Riotous Assemblies Act has publicity of banned events. The rally was staged despite the ban and was broken up by police. More than 30 people have been arrested since and some have been detained under the Terrorism Act, which entitles the authorities to hold a suspect indefinitely without a trial. Mr O'Malley, who is 52, was arrested and taken to court while he was attending a wine-tasting contest in a Durban hotel on September 25, the



Kurdish refugees from the conflict with the Iraqis head towards the Iranian frontier and board a lorry with their possessions.

Minorities throw in their lot with Kurds under impact of Iraq bombing Tribal distinctions vanish as nation is born

By Edward Mortimer Everyone is "liberated" Kurdistan talks about "the revolution". You may or may not be a member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) but, if you are in the mountains and taking part in the war effort, you have "joined the revolution". General Barzani himself says they are disliking this terminology—the word "revolution" for him having unpleasant connotations. But he is powerless to prevent its use, any more than he can prevent the widespread use of his portrait, which he also dislikes. No doubt the use of the term originated in the early 1960s, when the KDP was in close alliance with the Iraq Communist Party. Much has changed since then, and the communists, who in 1963-64 took refuge among the Kurds from Baathist persecution, are now the allies and supporters of the KDP. In its attempt to suppress the "Imperialist agent Barzani" and his "treasonous clique". The Kurdish revolution, in any case, is not primarily a social revolution (though it has some socialistic features) but a national revolution like the American one of 1776—one

UN chief urges new Middle East peace effort

From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, Nov 27 Dr Kurt Waldheim before leaving Israel today though he expected the date of the United Nations troops on the Golan Heights to be extended for a further month, this should not let the assumption that the UN in the Middle East was Ezerly effort should be made reach a political stalemate. The United Nations Security Council was speaking at Gurion Airport after talks with Israeli leaders. Last night Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister, and attended working dinner given by Yigal Alon, the Foreign Minister, at which Mr Rabin, Mr Shimon Peres, the De Minister, were present. He a further session with Mr this morning. Dr Waldheim pointed out an airport press conference the decision on the UN mandate of the UN Nations disengagement obligations on the Golan, which is to expire on Saturday, was made by the Security Council on the 23rd. He repeated belief that Syria would see an extension without new demands or conditions. No attempt has been made on the talks in Jerusalem is clear that Dr Waldheim sought to impress on the Government that it should regard an extension of mandate merely as a mere space, but should be read negotiations to implement Security Council Resolution 338 and 242. These calls for territorial withdrawal by Israel and to a belligerence, guarantee states to live without secure recognition boundaries. Israel's leaders are under no doubt told by them for negotiations on this with the Arab states, but with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is a party to the resolutions which has declared its a ending Israel's statehood contradictions. The Vladivostok summit between President Ford and Mr Brezhnev, however, pro Soviet-American agreement honour Resolution 338 with additional clause pledge take due account of "the mutual interests of all people living in the Palestine area".

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Makarios praise for Britain's friendly attitude

By A. M. Rendel Archbishop Makarios, the deposed President of Cyprus, left London yesterday for Frankfurt, where he will spend two nights before flying on to Athens tomorrow. Greek Cypriot representatives said yesterday that he will spend the time in Frankfurt preparing for the important meetings in Athens, when he will be discussing the future terms of a settlement of the Cyprus problem with Mr Karamanlis, the Prime Minister. The talks will be attended also by Mr Clerides, the acting President of Cyprus. Before leaving London, the Archbishop said that he was happy to be returning to his people in Cyprus. He thanked the British Government for the friendly and courteous way in which he had been received in London, and the British people and press for the sympathy expressed for the Cypriot people and the objective interest shown in the Cyprus situation.

Mr Thorpe attacks 'lynch law' of the Palestinians

By Our Foreign Staff Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal Party leader, urged yesterday that the hijackers of the British Airways VC10 should not be handed over to a lynch law of the Palestine Liberation Organization. In a speech to the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce in London, Mr Thorpe said that no civilized nation should be allowed to condone the activities of hijackers and "an government should escape its responsibilities by handing them over to the lynch law of the PLO". He added that if those who hijacked the airliner in Dubai were put on trial, and those who already had been convicted were returned in custody, the world would have acted effectively to end hijacking. Mr Thorpe, who is an honorary joint president of the United Nations Association in Britain, was scathing about the reception given to the PLO in United Nations bodies. Unesco had "disgraced" itself by denying Israel its rights. The vote in Palestine in the

Cambodia regime defended

From Peter Strafford New York, Nov 27 The United States took the floor today at the United Nations to defend the present Cambodian regime against attempts to expel it. Mr John Scali, the American representative, told the General Assembly that the Cambodian regime would be a one-sided solution which raised the prospects of continued war and suffering in Cambodia. It would mean, he said, that the General Assembly was deciding for the Cambodian people who should be their government. It would be deciding that they had to be represented by a regime in exile which had its headquarters in

Six good years with new heart

Richmond, Virginia, Nov 27.—Mr Lauro Russell, the world's longest surviving heart transplant recipient, died today. He was 49 and received his new heart six years ago. In 1969, on the eve of the first anniversary of the transplant, Mr Russell said that a short life of good quality was better than a long life of suffering.—Reuter.

Prime Minister will visit Yugoslavia

Mr Milos Mincic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, ended his three-day official visit to London yesterday with invitations to visit Yugoslavia extended to Mr Wilson and Mr Callaghan which were accepted.

Amnesty man held

Moscow, Nov 27.—Mr A Tverdokhlebov, secretary of Soviet branch of Amnesty International, was detained by Russian authorities. He was leaving a city tonight, his wife of Dr A Sakharov, the physicist, told western journalists.

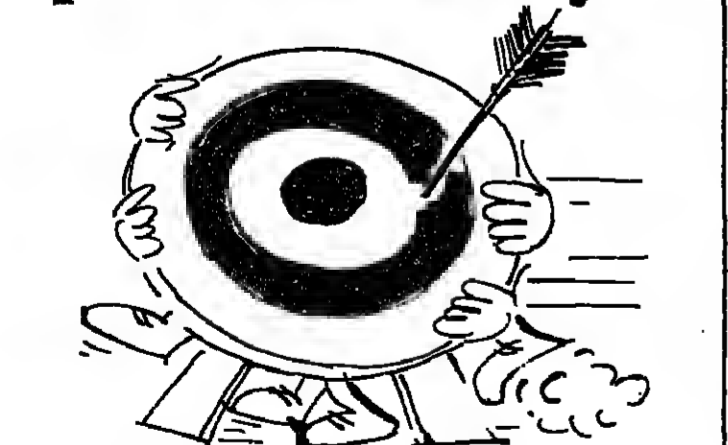
UN Assembly appeals for Emperor's life

By Our Foreign Staff The United Nations General Assembly agreed unanimously yesterday to appeal to the Ethiopian military council to spare the lives of the deposed Emperor Haile Selassie and others now in detention. Members were concerned at press reports, notably in the Beirut newspaper *Al Nahar*, that the regime in Addis Ababa was preparing to execute the ex-emperor. There has been no confirmation of these reports and, in fact, a regime representative yesterday told relatives of the 150 prisoners held in the Grand Palace at Addis Ababa that there would be no more "summary executions". In a message sent through its chargé d'affaires in Addis Ababa, the United States appealed to the regime not to execute more members of the former Government. Senator Edward Kennedy and Senator Hubert Humphrey both denounced the executions of 60 Ethiopian officials, disclosed earlier this week. In London Mr Jeremy Thorpe and Lord Byers, the Liberal leaders, circulated a petition appealing for the Emperor's life.

Jerusalem project worries Arabs

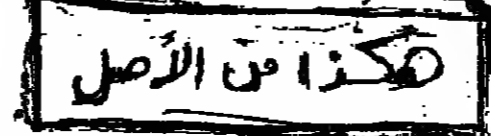
From Eric Marsden Jerusalem, Nov 27 Israel Government plans to increase Jewish settlement in and around Jerusalem, including the building of an industrial estate on the road to Jericho, are causing concern to Arabs in the city. They fear that if the political stalemate caused by Israel's refusal to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization continues long enough for the settlement plans to be fulfilled, the Arabs of Jerusalem will become a small minority community virtually cut off from the West Bank. Al Quds, the most moderate of the three Arab daily newspapers in east Jerusalem, expressed this anxiety in a leading article pointing out that a programme for settling 40,000 Jewish families in the former Arab areas of the city could mean as many as 250,000 inhabitants, almost doubling the present population in a short space of time. (Up to the Six Day War of 1967, there were only 49,000 apartments in all of west Jerusalem, which is almost wholly Jewish.) When the project is completed and the land on the Jericho road has been annexed to enlarge Jerusalem, Al Quds predicts, "Arab Jerusalem will be an island in the middle of a Jewish sea. . . . It will become 'the Arab quarter'". The newspaper attacks the expropriation of land for non-charitable purposes, claiming that Israel has carefully fenced off schools in Jerusalem for its Arab citizens. The decision will make peace more remote, it adds. Arab leaders in Jerusalem and Jericho have told me privately (name is willing to be quoted) that their fears are connected with the fact that the Muslim shrines of Al Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock in the old city will become part of an Israeli fortress city within a few years, cut off from the rest of the Arab world. This, they say, is intolerable to Muslims, although they concede that Israel has carefully maintained freedom of worship and access to the holy sites. This reaction will not entirely displease the Israelis, who will see it as evidence that the lessan is sinking in that recognition of the PLO will not improve prospects for the West Bank Arabs but will prolong and intensify Israeli occupation. When the Arabs finally realize that the PLO can do nothing for them, they may reinstate Jordan as negotiator, the theory goes. Even if Israel's plans are unhindered by the PLO, the

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House of Lords

Subtenancy of farm cottage not protected by rent Act

When payment to accommodation agency not an offence

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 Lord Reid, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock and Lord Simon of Glaisdale.

Though an accommodation agency which charges a fee simply supplying addresses to a person entering accommodation commits an offence under section 1(1)(b) of the Accommodation Agencies Act, 1953, no offence is committed if the agency supplies addresses and thereafter accepts payment under an agreement between the agency and the tenant, until the client has taken a tenancy of premises found by the agency.

The House of Lords so held in an appeal by Mrs Frances Margaret Wilson against the Accommodation Bureau, Southend-on-Sea, from the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in *Wilson v Wilson* (1974) 1 WLR 1301, Lord Justice Diplock and Lord Justice Bristow.

It was held that the defendant had been properly convicted of two offences under section 1(1)(b) when in the course of business it supplied addresses to a person who had accepted and asked for payment for finding suitable accommodation for a client.

Section 1(1) provides: "Subject to the provisions of this section, a person who . . . (b) demands or accepts payment of any sum of money in consideration of supplying or undertaking to supply any person addresses or other particulars of houses to let . . . shall be guilty of an offence."

Mr R. H. Berman, QC, and Mr E. Burton for Mrs Soper; Mr E. Higgs, QC and Mr Kenneth Dow for the prosecutor.

VISCONT DILHORNE, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock and Lord Simon agreed, said that Mrs Soper acted on a highly respectable accommodation agency since 1973, a Miss Christine Nichols came to see her, wanting accommodation for herself and two children. Mrs Soper agreed to try to find some and asked Miss Nichols to call again. She did so on a number of occasions.

Mrs Soper or someone on her behalf inspected premises in Dawlish Drive, Southend-on-Sea, and so gave her that address.

On February 13 Miss Nichols signed an agreement containing a paragraph that in consideration of the services of the bureau in finding or introducing accommodation suitable to her, she agreed to pay to the bureau a fee of the equivalent of one week's rent (minimum £5.25) "for the accommodation accepted by me", and a fee was payable unless and until she became the tenant of the accommodation found or introduced by the bureau to her.

Miss Nichols agreed to rent the premises at 11, Westcliff-on-Sea. She paid Mrs Soper £7 under the agreement. After Miss Nichols asked Mrs Soper for other accommodation, she gave an address in Westcliff-on-Sea. She signed a similar agreement. She came to terms of those premises for £16 a week and so she paid Mrs Soper £16. She had not done so.

Mrs Soper was charged on two occasions, the first alleging that she had on February 26 accepted from Miss Nichols £7 in consideration of supplying her with addresses.

Maunsell v Ollins and Another
 Before Lord Reid, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Diplock and Lord Simon of Glaisdale.

The meaning of the word "premises" in section 18(5) of the Rent Act, 1968, was considered by the House of Lords when they decided by a majority that the subtenancy of a cottage on a farm was not protected by the Rent Act legislation and that the owner of the cottage was therefore entitled to possession.

The House, Lord Diplock and Lord Simon dissenting, dismissed an appeal by Mr Ilmar Ollins and his wife from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Edmund Davies, Lord Justice Cairns and Lord Justice Lawton) [7 The Times, February 26; 1974] 1 WLR 820, which had held, on an appeal by Mrs Nestor Cwendoline Maunsell, the freehold owner of a farm with buildings including two cottages known as Hallansery Cottages, Bideford, Devon, that she was entitled to possession of one of the cottages occupied by Mr and Mrs Ollins and that they were not protected by section 18(5) of the Rent Act, 1968.

Section 18(5) provides that "Where a dwelling house—(a) forms part of premises which have been let as a whole on a superior letting but do not constitute a dwelling house let on a protected tenancy; and (b) is itself let on a statutory tenancy, then on the coming to an end of the superior letting, this Act shall apply in relation to the dwelling house as if, in lieu of the superior letting, there had been separate lettings of the dwelling house and of the remainder of the premises for the like purposes as under the superior letting."

The farm was 106 acres. The main buildings in the centre included a farmhouse and two cottages. The farm was let for many years to a Mr Ernest Beer on a tenancy protected by the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1948. Mr Beer sublet one cottage at £1 a week unfurnished to Mr and Mrs Ollins in 1958, when Mr Ollins was not working on the farm. In 1971 Mr Beer died. Mrs Maunsell served notice to quit on his estate so that the head tenancy was thereby terminated on March 25, 1973. Mr and Mrs Ollins did not give up the cottage. In an action against them for possession and mesne profits they relied on section 18(5) of the 1968 Act.

Judge Stansfield at Bideford County Court held that the cottage formed part of the premises of the farm for the purposes of section 18(5) and gave judgment for Mr and Mrs Ollins.

Mr H. Berman, QC, and Mr Simon Tuckey for Mr and Mrs Ollins; Mr D. A. Wood for the owner.

LORD REID, who agreed with the speech of Lord Wilberforce, said that the construction of section 18 was unusually difficult and his Lordship regarded it as ambiguous. It occurred in a consolidation Act; where such an Act was ambiguous his Lordship thought it was always permissible to go back to the original Act, in the present case section 41 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. There could be no doubt that the primary purpose of that section was to reverse the decision in *Cow v Casey* (1914) 1 KB 474. The difficult word in section 18(5) was "premises". His Lordship considered that section 41 of the 1954 Act contained a fairly clear pointer to the word being intended to be limited to premises of a residential character.

Section 41 directed one to suppose that in lieu of the superior letting there had been two lettings, one of the sublet part and one of the rest of the subjects in the superior lease, and further to suppose that the subjects of each of the two supposed lettings were let "for the like purposes as under the superior letting".

There was no difficulty where the purposes under the superior letting were residential, for then the purpose of the sublet part would remain residential and the Rent Act applied. But that part of the section caused difficulty if the purpose of the superior letting was not residential but was, say, agricultural. If a farm to be let included several cottages all occupied by farm workers, one would think that the whole "superior letting" had only one purpose which was agricultural, so that if one of the cottages was sublet to a person who

dealing primarily with sub-leases of dwelling houses or at the most sub-leases of property in the same field. And that fitted in with the context, a section on the face of it piecemeal, included in what was throughout housing legislation.

The effect of the change on the previous law could be seen by looking at the consolidation Act of 1968 which now set out in section 18(1) and (3) the old provisions and the new. The subsections covered similar ground—broadly that of tenancies of dwelling houses. There was no indication that they extended any wider.

So what should "premises" be taken to mean? The narrowest and perfectly possible construction would be that it simply meant "dwelling houses". A less narrow view would be to say that it included premises which for the purposes of the Rent Acts were treated as dwelling houses.

Everyone knew, and the draftsman must be taken to have known, that premises under the Rent Acts was given not merely to single identifiable, pure dwelling houses or dwelling units, but also to units of a mixed character, houses let with a garden or a yard or garage or a paddock, houses part (even a substantial part) of which was used for business purposes. That was an entirely sensible and it meant that no clear definition of a dwelling house entitled to protection could be given. But it reflected the reality of life in the county courts were skilful at salvaging what were inevitably questions of degree. As between the narrow and the less narrow meaning, his Lordship would apply the less narrow meaning to "premises", to include any premises which as a matter of fact, applying accepted principles, would be held to be a dwelling house for the purposes of the Act.

The only real alternative was to give to "premises" a universal meaning, as the appellants contended. The effect would be to give protection not only to tenancies of individual dwelling houses in the middle of agricultural holdings, but to subtenancies of individual dwelling houses in other complexes, industrial or business, or in any large estate of any kind. That would represent a

Queen's Bench Division

Jewellers not owners of reclaimed ring

Raymond Lyons & Co Ltd v Metropolitan Police Commissioner
 Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Thompson and Mr Justice Mals.

Jewellers to whom a three-stone amethyst ring was handed for auction by a youth who was never seen again were not the "owner" for the purposes of section 1(1) of the Police (Property) Act, 1957.

Their Lordships so held on an appeal by Raymond Lyons & Co, jewellers, of Croydon, from a committal order made by a county court judge in July by the jewellers, on the opinion that they did not appear to be the owner. The ring to be sold by public auction January.

Section 1(1) provides: "Where any property has come into the possession of the police in connection with any criminal charge . . . a court of summary jurisdiction may, on application . . . by a claimant of the property, order the delivery of the property to the person appearing to the . . . court to be the owner . . . or, if the owner cannot be ascertained, make such order with respect to the property to the . . . court may seem fit."

Mr Giles Harrap for the appellants; Mr Raymond Sturges for the police.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that a youth went into the jewellers' shop last November and asked for valuation of a ring which produced and handed to a shop assistant. It was subsequently valued at £3,500. He had given a name and address, and never returned. On the same day the jewellers handed the ring to the police, so that it had "come into the possession of the police in connection with" their investigation of a suspected offence. Efforts to find the true owner were unsuccessful.

Section 1(2) preserved a civil remedy against a person in possession so long as the claimant brought within six months, and relations made and the particular issue to be determined here the justices were unable to do under section 1.

The argument in the court below was short. The jewellers said that they were the owners for the purposes of the Act when the ring came into their possession. They had a good title to it against the true owner and such possession was ownership for the purposes of section 1.

The justices rejected that argument. They stated that the jewellers did not appear to them to be the owner of the ring, and the owner could not be ascertained. The order which seemed to be to direct that the ring should be dealt with accordingly by regulations with respect to claimed property.

The difference between the jewellers' and the police's conclusions was that Mr Harrap contended that the jewellers were the "owner";

the justices thought they were not. Which view was right?

His Lordship would readily accept that, in certain circumstances, the word "owner" could have a meaning different from the ordinary, popular meaning, which was the person who was entitled to the goods in question, a person whose goods they were, not simply the person who happened to have them in his hands at any given moment.

His Lordship had little doubt that "owner" in section 1 was to be given the ordinary, popular meaning, the meaning which lay justices would naturally give it using the word in the ordinary layman's sense. His view was confirmed by the fact that the draftsman of the Act was evidently distinguishing between possession and ownership, since section 1(1) began with the words "Where any property has come into the possession of the police."

The justices had asked themselves whether the jewellers who had received custody of the ring could be regarded as the owner for the purposes of section 1. They thought not. His Lordship thought that they were right. The jewellers were not owners in the ordinary sense of the word.

His Lordship wished to add one further word in view of Mr Barrap's argument that a wider meaning should be given so that the summary procedure for the return of goods in police possession would be more widely used. The view that his Lordship had taken in the case might prevent any unnecessary or unacceptable wider use of section 1, but it was worth while pointing out that there was a close parallel between the summary procedure under section 1 and the summary procedure now exercised by all criminal courts to make compensation to injured persons as part of the disposal of criminal cases. It had been said over and over again that the summary compensation procedure was not to be used in difficult cases involving tricky questions of title, or large sums of money. It was much better that the civil courts should handle such disputes.

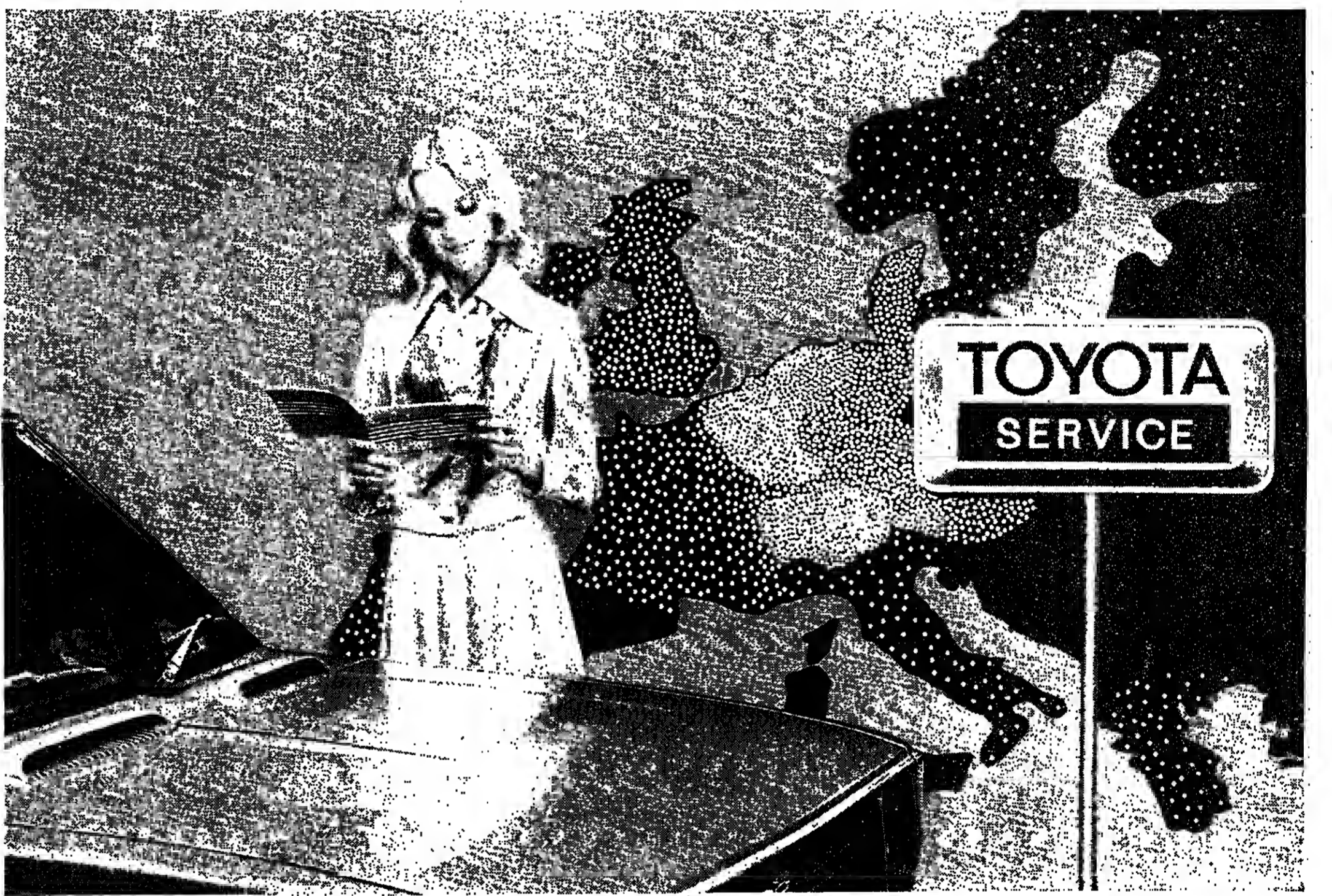
What was intended in regard to both compensation orders and orders under the 1957 Act was that in straightforward and simple cases where there was no difficulty of law and the matter was clear, the justices should be able to decide without involving the expense of civil proceedings.

His Lordship would actively discourage justices from attempting to use the procedure of the 1957 Act in cases which involved a real issue of law or any real difficulty in determining whether a particular person was or was not the owner. The appeal should be dismissed.

Mr Justice Thompson and Mr Justice Mals agreed.

Solicitors: David Alterman & Sewell, Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Correction
 In Maclelland v National Union of Journalists (November 22) it was Mr Kemp who was suspended on full pay, not Mr Maclelland as reported. Complainers' appeals against the union's disciplinary committee against all five plaintiffs, including Mr Maclelland, but complainers against a number of other union members were not upheld.



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Forthcoming EEC summit must not be a failure

House of Commons
MR HATTERSLEY, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab.), in a statement about business to be taken in the Council of Ministers during December, said...

Community farm prices for 1974-75, and are also expected to consider the new beef regime. It will also be a matter of some importance to discuss the arrangements for sugar...

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab.)—Will he say a little more about the preparations for the summit? There have been press reports in which it is indicated that the minister has made certain observations...

Desire to avoid frequent changes: rate of N Sea oil tax to be fixed after talks with companies

MR EDMUND DELL, Paymaster General (Birkenhead, Lab.), moving the second reading of the Petroleum Taxation Bill, said that under the United Kingdom continental shelf there was progressing an investment programme so large that it was probably unprecedented in this country in a single industry within such a timescale...

income for corporation tax. The Government has decided to make it a prior charge because it was specifically designed to bring the money in faster than would be the case if it were a normal tax...

Propaganda excluded for grant purposes

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab.), Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the Government proposed to make to the European Movement during the financial year 1974-75 and for what purpose...

Poorest in Europe should not aid rich

During questions about renegotiation of the terms of EEC entry, MR STEEL (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, Lab.), Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab.)...

More talks in January on law of the sea policy

MR HENDERSON (Aberdeenshire, East, Scot Natl Indus, South, Lab.), Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Birmingham, Sparkbrook, Lab.)...

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords
Today at 3.00: Education (Amendment) Bill, committee stage. Motion on the Bill...

Warning on greedy Exchequer

MR PATRICK JENKIN (Wandsworth and Woodford, C) said Mr Dell had displayed a remarkable flexibility in his attitude towards the Labour Party's earlier attitude...

Under estimate of demand by private builders

Lord Wolfenden of Westcott, formerly Sir John Wolfenden, one-time director of the British Museum and currently chairman of the committee on housing, said in a statement that the work of voluntary organisations was being introduced...

Foreign Secretary and conference chairman

MR RIPPON, Opposition spokesman on Foreign Affairs (Hexham, C), on a point of order, said that during a question time a number of Members had asked...

Wild life protection measure heads backbench Bills

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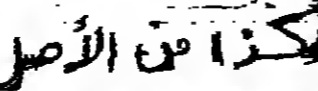
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MR HANNAH (Esher, C) said that no one disputed the need for extra oil taxation. The oil companies acknowledged that it was necessary a year ago, but the Government had been reluctant to do so...

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Charles Craig and Christine Deutekom

Dutch/Scottish operatic partnership

Un ballo in maschera Amsterdam Stadsschouwburg Kenneth Loveland Operatic partnerships are becoming more fashionable...

musical deficiencies will have been given serious attention. John Copley is the producer, attentive to detail and very much at home in an opera with an emotional predicament at its heart...

Ballio good to see, its people and environment positively created, with most of the many chances the opera has to make a stage picture tell a story turned to good effect.

actual time; she would have been happier had the lady been Abigail instead of Amelia. Charles Craig's Gustavus hardly suggested the monarch described in the Dutch programme note as "charming"...

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Gothic romance, farcical trimmings

Dracula Theatre Workshop

Irving Wardle

Theatre Workshop se he passing into the he Ken Hill, who wrot directed this show and and who cuts a cons front-of-house figure

It is all very fringed the programme comes shape of a vampire bat and given the desolati side the place seems heart-pumping gamed have a hope of succes there is no preceing t sequel has kept up it stand. The form Gothic romance with trimmings. Monte Cris

Monte Cristo, Mr spirited last production down well, and he has to sick with the same; had I hope succes there is no preceing t sequel has kept up it stand. The form Gothic romance with trimmings. Monte Cris

For straight melo dra evening relies on pi moments of agonizing S. As the gallant Tony Sc going down under the whole cast form a chai him out of the trap; the series of delays slanted, making it hard the sleeping com. On but they work. Other comedy goes limping periodically relieved by of real invention, such arrival of a Transu usherette with a tray of fixes and wooden stakes; followed by a Quasimodo who leads his stairs with a gigantic obligatory gypsy came goes with a swing. E. Armit varies the even sleigh-ride wues and drinking songs with ex accompaniment. The of the buoyant Valer remains one good read supporting the Workshop

Allegri Quartet

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Of the three joint winners of die 1973 Mozart Memorial Prize, two chose to present concertos in C at the prize concert in the London Mozart plays. Elizabeth Hunt showed a strong somewhat rough tone in the Violin Concerto K 216, though she was capable of surprising changes of colour to lighten the austerity of her style. In the Piano Concerto K 453, Danielle Salomoo tended too much to hold back, both rhythmically and in volume, so that the clarity and poise of her playing were but distantly evident. The soprano Ann-Marie Connors was touching but a shade tremulous in "Basta, vincisti" her singing in "Bella mia fiamma" however, was thrilling indeed.

Paul Griffiths

Elaine Fenn came from Australia, and suggested as much in her sturdiness and health of style. Apart from a passing mishap in the second movement of Beethoven's late A flat sonata (taken deliberately for a motto allegro) she rarely betrayed strain, or took liberties. It was certainly good to hear such unity and continuity in this composer's C minor Variations, and such warmth of tone, in sonatas by Hindemith and Prokofiev. But Miss

Joan Chissell

Profkofiev's second piano concerto in G minor is never likely to oust its popular successor; it is far too exhausting. But performances are on the increase, and on Tuesday, with the New Philharmonia Orchestra and Riccardo Muti, it was as we here collected in Royal Albert Hall, that the first movement cadoza, the unrelenting second movement semiquavers, the jugged

Paul Griffiths

It was an exhilarating, full-blooded performance all round, though not one that emphasized specifically Russian elements in the work, or the composer's individual fingerprints, as much as when we hear it from compatriots like Ashkenazy or Cherkassky. At times the orchestra sounded too loud even for the rhus soloist. But Mr Orozco himself found the drive for the Scherzo and the range of colour for the Intermezzo.

He whipped up the first movement cadenza into a tempest, though did not sustain the opening narrative theme with enough breadth. The demonic in the finale fared better than the folk-like second theme, with soloist and orchestra dead together in the headlong rush to the finishing post.

Profkofiev shared the first half with Stravinsky, of the Divertimento, Le balzer de la fac, much of it shallow patchwork. But Mr Muti brought up the colours brightly enough in a tautly spruog performance. Finally, Beethoven's seventh symphony, done with consider able vitality even if not convey ing the music's full voltage. The Allegretto slowed most. Horn accidents did not help the first movement.

Times Readers you could win these by turning to today's Christmas Gift Guide.

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AA.MILNES WINNIE- THE-POOH at the Phoenix Theatre

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Shopping around

Sheila Black

Pruners and shears are too well known to need any comment—among gardeners, that is. But their use as flower-gatherers may be useful even to dwellers who only arrange bought flowers and they cost about 1.65 at leading flower and garden shops or department stores. They are orange plastic, comfortable to hold and durable. They strip stems from roses, crush the ends of stems for longer life in vases, and the flower as it is cut or shortened. They are also unscrewed for cleaning but never seem to need it. Leaflet on Robert Blackthorn Road, Horsbarn, Essex.



Robin and Mary Ellis are no strangers to this page—readers like their pale, turned pine goblets, plates and beakers. Now they have added a number of objects in solid wood. Eggs of varying sizes from 1½ to 4 inches in diameter, of pine, elm, sycamore, yew, walnut, mahogany and a lovely grainy oak as well as carter woods like lignum vitae, ebony and rosewood. Paperweights are different, with knots and grains making them fun to doodle with while at the desk (from £1.50 to £2.50 excluding VAT). Candle holders to take those wide, chunky candles are also lovely on a rural table or on pine—in pine, elm, yew and at £2.50 of £2.80 without VAT. The jewelry is unusual and I found it popular with the young



and the dramatic. The pieces are large enough to be striking yet lightweight to hang from ears or around necks. The big egg-shaped pendants are fun to play with as you wear them. The chains and earring screws or chains are frankly inexpensive, gilt and strong but not pretending to be anything they are not, but the earrings can be adapted to fit on to sleepers easily enough. Pendants are £1.75 and £2.25 and I think any teenager or young person, female or in many cases, male, would enjoy them. Drop earrings, diamond-shaped earrings and others like an offcut from a dowel are in most of the woods already mentioned and at £2.50 or £1.35. Matched sets of "jewels" are therefore pretty reasonably priced as gifts. Prices from Robin and Mary Ellis, Rumwood, Horseheath, Cambridge CB1 6QX.

Today there is a Christmas Fair at Kensington Town Hall from 11 am to 4 pm, admission 10p. Held by the original Hill Housing Trust, it includes original, signed cartoons by namings of the Daily Express, ad-sewn patchwork pillows, hooded babies and children's things, old books and even old 78 rpm records for collectors; cartoon T-shirts, home-made cakes, jams, preserves and Christmas puddings, toys, plants, recycled hand-made Christmas cards and so on, with a lot of cheaper than in the shops. Prepared by voluntary workers and very penny helps to give someone a decent place in life. Opposite Kensington High Street tube station.

Parrots is a light, tall shop fitted with much plate glass, newly opened at 56 Fulham Road, London. It is almost due south of South Kensington tube station. It is very chic, a lot of expensive pictures and a number that are inexpensive—very animals, birds, flowers and paintings of initials turned into Christmas cards, some lovely Italian pottery and a table set of a design initiated by Meissen. A huge pot

ded by dishes which fit around it and make more open spaces in which to nest other dishes—buy nine, 17 or 33 pieces in white with green borders and decorated with fruit or sea creatures. Not everything is costly, by any means. Stocking fillers for children are many, charming and from 15p for minute paintboxes complete with brush. Boxes that make animal noises—cow, dog, lamb and so on—are 22p each. Tiny yo-yos have rattlers in them and cost 7p each. A six-piece orchestra of little wooden rabbits is £1.95. Jigsaw puzzle invitingly chosen antiques, handbags and luggage. Luxurious, packed with taste and nice people to serve. Much, especially of the cheaper stuff, can be sent by mail. Much is expensive but good value. Some French tinsamakers at around £20. Little satin knickerbockered legs are lavender bags (amusing at £3). The telephone number is 01-584 3699.

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Hang the Expense is the name of a soother gift shop opened at 197a Brompton Road, London, SW3 near Beauchamp Place. Games, puzzles, leather, arts and crafts, china, patchwork, etc. Do not expect to find much under £5. Not new but full of soapy gifts by Nortons is Rosalinda, 3 Brompton Arcade, London, SW3 (near the top of Sloane Street). The Country Garden huddle bath at 59p is fragrant and refreshing. Children of all ages always love the spotted, floating hippo with soap on his back (77p). Adults would appreciate three Toulouse Lautrec posters on three cakes of soap—the picture lasts all the way through and the trio, boxed, is 65p. Roaring 20s picture soap has the Gatsby touch of a shadow, head-banded girl in a round cake of soap—two cakes, boxes for 55p. Besides many soap novelties there are handbags and other gifts. Can do some mail order but leaflets are few—telephone 01-589 6540.

The Shop is another newcomer. It is non-profit-making and is run jointly by Oxfam and the Commonwealth Institute. The Oxfam prices always amaze me—I see many of the things they do at other gift shops selling at higher prices and wonder how Oxfam manages it, despite the "charity" ingredient. Oxfam also has many

unique lines, as does the Commonwealth Institute, and this policy of helping by selling is the best form of charity, gives occupation and dignity to those who need these as much as they need money. There is still naivete that delights from handicrafts from developing countries. I find it pleasing alongside the gloss of sophistication that fills so many shops. The Shop is at the Commonwealth Institute at the western end of Kensington High Street, London W8. Those who missed my mention of the Oxfam catalogue of mail order lines, which tempted me to spend a lot on surprisingly cheap gifts, still have time to get it from 274 Banbury Road, Oxford.

Conran, at the corner of Fulham Road and Sloane Avenue, has some unusual clocks, including some by designer Joe Colombo. A miniature pocket alarm is one. Copper pans gleam (they cost money but top cooks love them). Basketware from China is cheaper—between 45p and £3.50, this section is full of temptation. So, for the well-heeled, are the antique rugs, the ribbed crystal from Italy and the Royal Copenhagen. Lighting is very good, really unusual and at about average prices.

At the Casson Gallery, 9B New Cavendish Street, London, W1, you can buy little boxes of great variety

The Country Gentleman's Association has such a comprehensive catalogue packed with merchandise and services, often at good discounts, that an acceptable present could be the subscription to make your friend a member. Members also get a monthly magazine, which covers more than country lore and includes advice on tax, the finance acts and suchlike. A number of top shops have arrangements for personal shoppers with CGA membership so that you can get discounts at places like Maxwell Croft (furs), Richard Ogden (jewelry), Mappin and Webb (antique and modern silver and other gifts). Services include accounting, insurance, tax, VAT, farm management and company advice. A year's membership is £3, no entrance fee. Details from CGA's head office, Icknield Way West, Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG6 4AP.

A practical book on winemaking has been published by British Sugar Bureau and Southern Vineyards. SV's juices still yield the most palatable results and can be made into wine in the easiest way, with the minimum of work apart from the inevitable racking and bottling. The better grape juices need no added sugar, in case potential starters are deterred by the absence of sugar, or price. The book, a coloured paperback is simple, basic, jargon-free and helpful even to those who are convinced that practice has made their home wines nearly perfect. It costs 60p, post free, from Southern Vineyards, Nizells Avenue, Hove, Sussex BN3 1PS.

The West Kent Federation of Women's Institute is at 64 College Road, Maidstone, Kent (not 84 as published last week in reference to the fruit and vegetable gardening and cookery book). As to the chinchin-cheese, they are £2.10 and not £1.20.

All year round, my policy is to ration strictly the number of London-only shops and services on this page, and to concentrate on nationally-available merchandise—harder in these shortage times—on goods that sell by post. However, some readers have written to say they visit London for Christmas shopping and want some addresses, so I assume that to be true of many others who have not written, hence this departure from the norm. Next week, there will be more London shops, as many as possible with postal services on at least some of their wares.

There is still time to buy by post from Action Research for the Crippled Child. Good pottery, good kitchen things, Vincent House, 1 Springfield Road, Hove, Sussex RH12 2PN.

Oddly enough, there are also kitchen things in the Book Club Associates catalogue, plus lighters, glass, transistor radios, etc. No books—the address is PO Box 19, Swindon SN3 3LE.

Treasure Treasures has some of the olden days you often seek but fail to find. Like Lawn-Edge for keeping the edges trim by checking growth along path and lawn borders (190p); or like those plastic hangers for drip drying, to stick on the bathroom wall or door (75p); tree stump remover (60p); or clever little holders with self-adhesive bases to stick to the car dashboard to hold glasses without scratching (50p). Treasure, 611 House, 60 Brimsgrange St., Birmingham 5.

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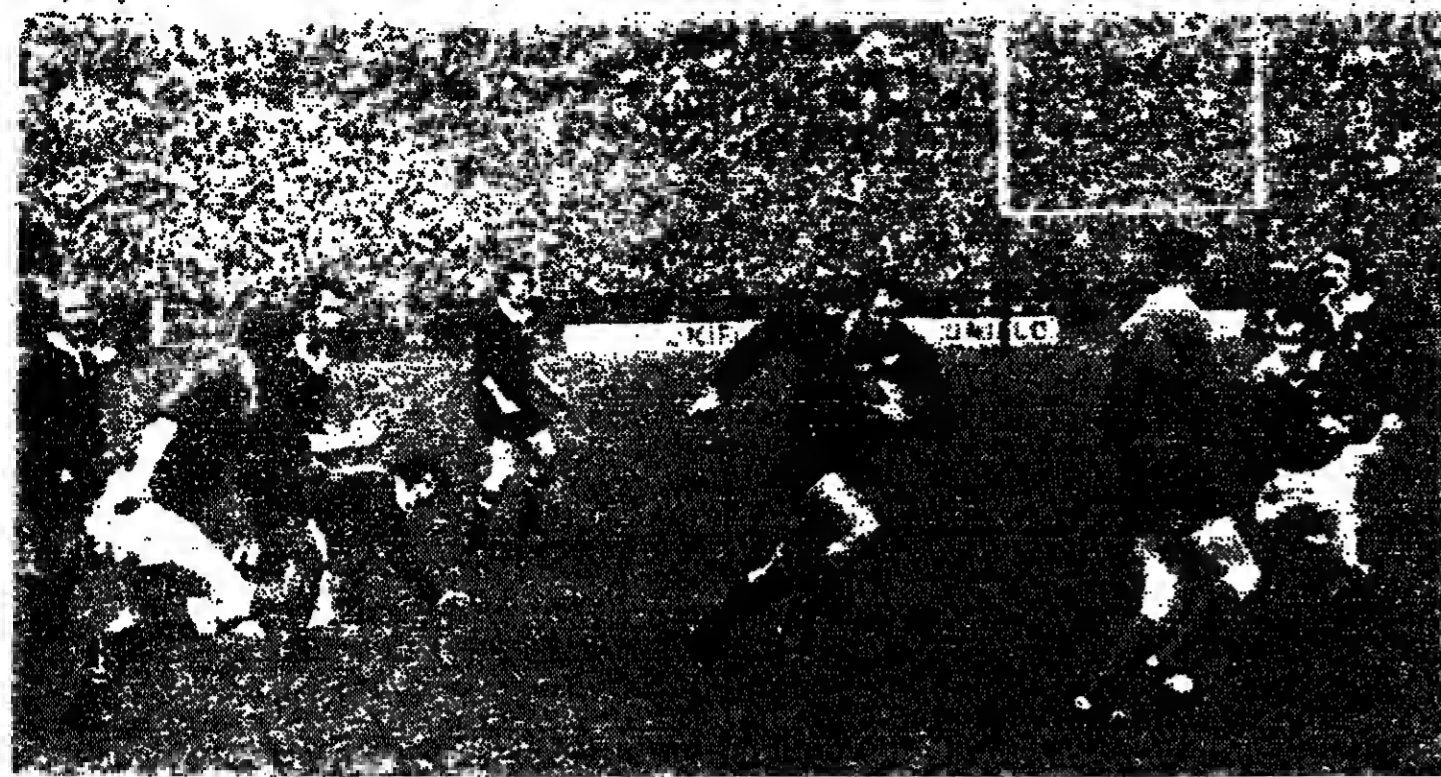
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Kirkpatrick breaks through to score a try for the New Zealanders at Cardiff yesterday.

Welsh lament the missed chances

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Wales XV 3 New Zealanders 12
In Cardiff yesterday the All Blacks added a second notable scalp to their belts in the space of five days...

forward, played a storming role in every way, and for the Welsh XV in the centre. Now, however, it was only three-all and Wales turned round to face the elements without sufficient capital in the bank to tide them over harder times...

Wales achieved parity in the night, and, using stout lineouts on their own ball, and with Mervyn Davies on a roving commission when their opponents threw in, probably fared better in that area than they had dared to hope...

He kicked splendidly (mostly in defence), was hamstrung by events. Thus it was the great Goring who scored the try, breaks in the same decisive and coordinated fashion as the All Blacks...

Football

Derby's substitutes see them safely home

By Norman Fox
Derby 3
Derby County were down and almost out of any hope of reaching the last eight of the UEFA Cup in their third round first leg tie at the Crystal Palace last night when they made an extraordinary second half recovery through the ingenious use of two crucial substitutes in Bourne, who scored twice, and Hinton, who got the third off the soaking surface of the pitch...

Velz, without an away win in their home league, at first belied that record and the fact that they are considered one of the less powerful sides left in the UEFA competition. Derby, bearing no comparison in outlook or effectiveness to the side who beat Ipswich Town in the league last Saturday, defeated Athletic Bilbao in the previous round of this competition, had about them all the look of surprised defeat.



Jeff Bourne... scorer of two Derby goals.

Stoke finally reach third place after a jerky ride

By Gerry Harrison
Stoke City 2 Queens Park Rangers 0
Almost apologetically Stoke City slipped quietly into third place in the first division last night with an erratic performance against Queens Park Rangers at Victoria ground. Billed as Peter Shilton's first home appearance Stoke started impressively, gradually taking the game to their hosts...

Goodwin's first goals put Norwich in with Ipswich

Norwich 2 Sheffield United 1
Two goals by the 20-year-old centre forward, Steven Goodwin, the man brought in to replace the suspended Philip Boyer, gave Norwich a 2-1 victory over Sheffield United in their League Cup fourth round replay at the Riverside stadium last night...

Surrey's chance to displace the champions

By Gordon Allao
Surrey 11 Eastern Counties 9
Surrey opened up the race for the south-eastern divisional title to the county rugby championship by beating Eastern Counties at home on Saturday. At present Surrey is a triple tie at the top of the table involving Counties, Surrey and Middlesex who also have a match left at home to Hampshire on December 11.

In the first 10 minutes of the second half Jordan kicked two more penalties to put Counties ahead. One was for time-wasting at a lineout. Surrey lost their booker, Bond, with concussion at this point. But they did not let this or anything else get them down as they pushed on to the end...

Middlesex are good enough to win the group

By Alan Gibson
Middlesex 42 Sussex 3
Middlesex were far too good for Sussex, winning by four goals, three tries and two penalty goals to a penalty goal. They played well enough to suggest that they might have had the winning of the south-eastern division, but for that they were held back by a late goal before they had got their side properly together...

It was a sharp afternoon at Richmond, with a lagoon wind coming from behind the Middlesex right shoulders in the first half. The ground was springy, despite the rain, and the chances were few, for their forwards rarely won the ball except in a situation of scrambling retreat.

Middlesex scored their first try after a cut-back from the right which kept on scoring at roughly a point a minute until half-time, when White and Gurney took the try. While White's try was the version that brought the score to 38, the Sussex captain, Pope, not bothering to charge the kick, summed up the chances of the game with an intensive seminar, echoes of which floated across the ground.

Whether it was Pope's eloquence, or the change of wind, or just that Middlesex were in a better mood, it is difficult to maintain the pitch of their game. Sussex did a lot better in the second half, and came out with great relish that they were to cheer and applaud a splendid try by Duckham. This had been born at a ruck outside the North Midlands 25 close to the right touchline, and a smart bow of passing by the backs. Rossborough's second visit to the three-quarter line left Duckham with a sharp sprint to the line for a try. Rossborough contented.

Warwickshire wear down opposition

By Peter Marston
Warwickshire 21 North Midlands 6
Warwickshire's free scoring style which has brought them 37 tries in four matches was much in evidence last evening at Coundon Road, when North Midlands' challenge in the Midlands division of the rugby county championship was extinguished in a defeat by three goals and a penalty goal to a goal.

North Midlands' kick off on a cold misty night signalled Warwickshire's first attack with a strong and accurate passing game. Evans' room to accelerate and Duckham the chance to move outside his opponent, Thomas, on Midlands' right wing. This movement ended with Duckham putting a foot in touch outside the Midlands 25 in a brace Warwickshire scored with a penalty goal to a goal.

among the backs which took the ball from one flank to the other. Yet, Duckham was thwarted again by a powerful burst on Courthard's outside. North Midlands countered and having reached a position outside the Midlands 25 had the opportunity when Warwickshire were pulled up at a scrum, and a penalty goal to a goal but fired wide of the far post. Coundon Road's partisans did not think much of that, but in the next minute it was their backs that they were to cheer and applaud a splendid try by Duckham. This had been born at a ruck outside the North Midlands 25 close to the right touchline, and a smart bow of passing by the backs. Rossborough's second visit to the three-quarter line left Duckham with a sharp sprint to the line for a try. Rossborough contented.

Warwickshire's initial pressure eased after 25 minutes and the next few moments they were aligned in defence. Under fire from Barrie Corless's boot Warwickshire must have been a little surprised when they had come through unscathed. Corless had hit an upright with a drop kick for goal and then failed to land two penalty goals from 25 and 27 yards out, the second kick from in front of the posts.

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Crystal Palace get through after early setback

By Norman de Mesquita
Crystal Palace 2 Tooting & Mitcham U 1
"Despondent, but not crushed". The Tooting and Mitcham manager, Roy Dwight, said he was realistic after a defeat after the first half of the game against Crystal Palace to know that his team of amateurs and part-time professionals had acquitted themselves well against the most expensive team in the third division. Tooting even had the merest glimmer of hope after 44 seconds, when Grubb swept in Howell's corner.

penalty — was far from commanding in the air, and it was this, combined with a lack of decisiveness in their clearances, that allowed Tooting to survive. A misdirected header from Gruff, in fact, gave the ball to Jump, whose corner was headed home by Hinselwood shortly before half-time and the failure to clear Taylor's free kick, allowed Whittle to scramble the ball home for the winning goal just over half an hour to go.

Yesterday's results

Uefa Cup
Third round, first leg
Derby 3 Athletic Bilbao 1
Chelsea 2 Tottenham 1
Liverpool 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
Manchester United 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
Bayern Munich 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
Real Madrid 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
Barcelona 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
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Weightlifting

World record for Alexeye after early failures

Vasili Alexeye, of the Soviet Union, broke a world record in the Olympic champion with a superb show of strength in the "Strongest Man in the World" weightlifting competition in Leningrad last night. He beat five others to set a world record in the jerk of 554 lb. This was 1 lb heavier than the record set a month ago in the Soviet Union. The Russian lifter the equivalent of a small car, never flinched.

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League Cup

Fourth round replay
Manchester United 2 Tottenham 1
Liverpool 2 Borussia Dortmund 0
Chelsea 2 Tottenham 1
Manchester City 2 Tottenham 1
Aston Villa 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Wed 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Utd 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Alb 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Friars 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Thorns 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Hallam 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Lincoln 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Wesley 2 Tottenham 1
Sheff Victoria 2 Tottenham 1
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SPORT

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Brough Scout... Pendil stalks along so like a deer... crowd had gathered, and Red Ram, with a warning nightcap, also gave a couple of hucks as he came in.

On the final turn Brian Fletcher, who was having his first ride for five weeks, drove the dual National winner up to challenge, but this soon faded and it was left to Tania to produce the excitement of nearly drawing level when Pendil did his usual stalling act on the run-in.



Pitman had a brilliantly happy partnership with Pendil.

Night Nurse should be the one to keep record intact

Jim Snow Racing Correspondent... Night Nurse in his four successes has not yet been ridden out, and it is likely to start favourite in an open market. It is not easy to assess the merit of Fred Rimell's Mrs Parsons, a 10-length winner at Kempton Park from the Griggle, only and a £1,000 winner in the steeplechase and handicap.

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Winter's protégés take Lord Mayor hears the honours at Ascot

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent... Fred Winter was at Haydock Park yesterday to watch Pendil win the Sunday Steeplechase. Indeed it would have been surprising if he had not been there. But had he been at Ascot he would have been pleased by the way that three of his young protégés all performed.

Riding Sunny Somers for Winter the John Comins Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase, a race that was confined to professional jockeys who had not ridden more than three winners, Robert Kingston made the most of that opportunity and definitely impressed those who saw him. Kingston is only 18 and this was his third winner from only two rides. He is a promising young rider who also rides for the stable, Kingston spent his early days gaining wealth of experience in the show jumping, the open and gymkhanas, he has countless rosettes to show for that, but now he is working for his living and beginning to make his name.

Later in the day Francombe and Vic Soane, two of Richard Pitman's better known underdogs at Ascot, were riding for Winter on this occasion. The more that I see Francombe ride the more that I like him. He is a professional, a good rider and I know that I am not alone. He sits a horse really well. One man who recognized his qualities was the late Richard Francombe who was the first club of Francombe's services after Winter this season. It was for Head that Francombe rode the Upper Horse Handicap and he rode it very well.

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent... A pitiful sight met the England and Australian cricketers when they went today to the Woolloongabba ground where the first Test match is due to start on Friday. One of the things that struck me as I sat there is how possible a chance of the Test being played on a fast true pitch.

Ascot results

- 1.30-1.35 PUNCH BOWL HURDLE
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Questions that remain unanswered on radio phone-ins

Ronald Butt

One of the more depressing features of contemporary society is the apparent willingness of distinguished public figures to offer bland defences of organizations with which they have become associated, when the nature of their association is such that it ought to require them primarily to exert a strongly independent critique on the public's behalf.

Dame Mary Green's reply, as Chairman of the Advisory Council to BBC Radio London, to my article on that station's "Call In" programme simply cannot be accepted at face value, since it answers none of the very serious questions of principle raised in the article.

In general terms, Dame Mary Green seemed to find no cause for disquiet about the purpose or character of the programme or for concern about the way it is conducted. Indeed, she tells us that the Advisory Council has actually given it, in general, its warm approval and she defends the programme as being both helpful and skilfully handled.

She says she agrees that incest was not a suitable subject for discussion on the air (though I myself would prefer to say that it is not suitable for discussion on this radio programme of this sort and in this manner) and she has stated that my criticism of the judgment which allowed it is fair enough.

For the rest, however, she has no more to say except that I was unfair in questioning the use of this programme to offer a superficial kind of psychiatric advice and marriage guidance counselling, which she apparently finds unexceptionable in both style and substance. Yet it is I think Dame Mary who was herself less than fair to whoever was responsible for admitting the question on incest when she criticizes his judgment for doing so. For in the light of the other subjects which were discussed, the use of this programme and the criteria laid down by Mr Simmons in inviting questions, I should like to know on what basis the person responsible for allowing that particular question on incest should have been expected to refuse it?

At the very outset of this programme, and also the day before, the kind of question wanted was made clear and Mr Simmons specifically asked for calls from people with such problems as incest exposure. I therefore ask Dame Mary Green specifically to say whether she thinks that incest exposure is a proper subject for an open radio programme of this sort?

Is she also saying that though incest was not an appropriate subject, it was acceptable, on a holiday programme to which children and adolescents may well listen, to discuss the case of the woman whose husband was alleged to have obscene pictures of boys in his room, and who was worried about the effect of these on her children?

There is also the deeper question of the quality of advice that can be given and is being given on this programme. Dame Mary Green appears to find nothing wrong here. Does this mean, therefore, that she thinks it was right to give the woman who was worried about the effect on her children of seeing obscene photographs, the advice that it would probably not harm them? Having registered her disagreement with the choice of principle as a subject is she nevertheless implying in her letter that the terms in which it was discussed were acceptable?

Then of course there is the question of how far those calling in are bona fide inquirers, and how far some of them may be people whose real problem is a kind of public exhibitionism and who enjoy being able to talk anonymously about the subjects discussed in front of a mass audience. Not least, of course, there is a question of a possible effect of the programme on those who may find their problems publicly discussed against their will.

There is a question of privacy here, and I should like to know whether the BBC has thought out its policy. What do Sir Michael Swann and the Governors think about the possible impact on a man going about his daily work (driving a lorry or working in a shop) when he suddenly hears his wife's voice discussing their intimate problem over the radio. These are important questions of principle. They are concrete and specific. The BBC should provide concrete, specific and unambiguous answers to them.

Is the 'blood trial' coming back into use as an instrument of Soviet persecution?

Bernard Levin



Dr Mikhail Stern: Only international protest can save him.

On Monday next, in the little Ukrainian town of Vinnitsa, there begins a criminal trial the like of which has not been seen in the civilized world for some five or six centuries. Indeed, the matter is so horrible and the manner so fantastic that even I, whose regard for the Soviet political and judicial system is not at all high, would have found it difficult to credit had the details not come to me from sources of unquestionable authority, backed with a massive array of references.

The prisoner is a Jewish doctor, Mikhail Stern, and some idea of the standards of Soviet justice may be gained at the outset from the fact that although he was arrested six months ago, and has been held incommunicado ever since (for three months in an underground cell), and that the trial, as I say, is due to begin on Monday, the charges he will face have not yet been revealed. Unless the Soviet authorities lose their nerve at the last minute, however, and invent stories of espionage or financial speculation, it is likely that he will be charged with the murder by poisoning of Soviet children, of which he has already been accused in print.

Dr Stern is 56, graduated as a doctor in 1944, and began to specialize in goitrous diseases, being put in charge of an endocrinological institute; in 1952 he was invited to found a similar centre in Vinnitsa. He lost this job amid the anti-Semitic persecution of which the "Doctors' Plot" trial was the focal point; but managed to continue to organize medical services in Vinnitsa, despite continual harassment by the authorities.

Another wave of Soviet anti-Semitism broke in the Ukraine in 1961, among the victims of which were local Jewish doctors; Dr Stern protested against this, and for this became one of the victims himself. Scurrilously—and insidiously—anti-Semitic articles appeared in the local press, accusing him of being an unqualified quack and a poisoner whose method of going about his murderous work was to persuade his patients to consume great quantities of sugar and thus bring on diabetes. The only one of his supposed victims to be named was a girl called Liubovka Belinskaya; I have the text of a letter written in November of this year, by the girl who was supposed to have been murdered in 1961, and her mother, to Dr Stern's wife: it expresses gratitude, affection and admiration for him. They also wrote to the editor of the paper in which the charges were published as well as to the municipal and medical authorities and the local Communist Party, but no retraction of the mad accusations has ever been made. On the contrary; the authorities responded with repeated searches of Dr Stern's house and the digging-up of his garden.

From some time in 1963, until his arrest in May of this year, Dr Stern worked as a consultant at the Vinnitsa Endocrinological Centre: he was clearly loved and trusted by his patients, who came from far away as well as from the town itself.

In November last year Dr Stern's younger son, a psychologist, applied for permission to emigrate; Dr Stern was pressed by the authorities to dissuade his son from this intention, and refused. From then on he and all his family underwent a series of interrogations. On May 29 this year he was arrested; his apartment, and those of his two sons and of the sister-in-law of one of them, were ransacked by the KGB, who committed numerous violations of Soviet law. Among the property of the family that was taken was 1,500 rubles of Mrs Stern's savings, the car of one of their sons, and various scientific papers. Dr Stern was held under close arrest, his family being refused all access to him, as indeed they have been to this day; he is a very sick man, suffering from, among other things, tuberculosis, ulcers and stenocardia. During the three months in which Dr Stern was kept in the underground cell of the Vinnitsa prison, the authorities sought, but failed to find, evidence of any kind of wrongdoing by him. They therefore set about fabricating it, and authoring the appropriate witnesses.

All the patients who had consulted Dr Stern during the past 10 years (some thousands) were questioned by a special group of

been dismissed from his job and allowed to work only as a telegraph-boy, his wife (a qualified chemist) being unable to get work of any kind at all.

On the day of Dr Stern's arrest, and during the search of the family's boxes, Procurator Kravchenko said in the presence of witnesses that the preparation of charges against Dr Stern was connected with the expressed wish of members of his family to emigrate. The same admission was made by another official, Procurator Poznyck, to Victor Stern in August.

On October 21, the family filed a series of requests and complaints concerning the treatment of Dr Stern and the violations of Soviet law that have occurred in the preparation of the case against him. The family have asked for a lawyer chosen by the family to take part in the case, for permission for them to visit Dr Stern in prison, for an inquiry into the basis of the case and for the investigation into the breaches of the law committed by investigating and other officials. Procurator Alexandrov rejected all the family's requests out of hand and without giving any reason. Those in charge of the fabrication of the case against Dr Stern have ignored the favourable testimony of thousands of his patients: they have so far persuaded some 40 people to give evidence against him. At present, the identity of only one of these is known: she is a woman named Overchuk, who is apparently prepared to testify that he has deliberately poisoned children and spied for Israel.

It should be added that Mrs Stern has been subjected to a continuous campaign of vilification and persecution, including threatening telephone calls by night and day. On the 6th of this month, she requested the Soviet Procurator-General Rudenko to put an end to the persecution of her husband and their family; in reply it was made clear that he fully supported the actions taken by the local authorities.

Soviet anti-Semitism has, of course, a long and terrible history. It recently suffered a striking exposure in an extraordinary episode in Paris, where the Soviet Embassy had published a pamphlet containing vile anti-Jewish lies. Since, under the law of France, nothing may be pub-

lished there unless a citizen makes himself responsible, it was possible to bring a case against an official of the French Communist Party, who was the publisher of the document transcript of the trial, published in English, by Emanuel Litvinoff of the wood House, edited by Emanuel Litvinoff of the title *Soviet Anti-Semitism: Paris Trial*. An account appeared in *The Guardian* under the headline: "verdict prejudiced": writer's chief complaint to be that the book have the effect of encouraging the course of the trial resulted in the conviction of the defendant charges of incitement to hatred, there was a sea revelation. The test offending Soviet put was shown to contain passages, falsely said to be the *Talmud* and other writings, which were word for word from Semitic pamphlet published in 1906 by the notorious "Hundred" organization organized pogroms against Russian Jews; the offences between the two do in these passages was Soviet version had replaced word "Jew" throughout with "Zionist".

Trial was brought forward

Now, the Soviet authorities have gone one further: it appears to be about to renege on earlier practice "blood trial", in which were accused of ritual murder Christians together with activities as the poison wells. I should add that Stern's trial was due to start on December 9, but was subsequently brought forward by a when there were signs of a purge of the Soviet security forces (an appeal for support was sent out to doctors all Britain this weekend). We the name of the President of the Court, which is Savchuk and of the Judge, Orlovskiy, know nothing else, except only imputed, in a narrow publicity and protest case Dr Stern.

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Scurrilous press accusations

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British defence cuts do not worry Dr Luns



Dr Luns: It is misleading to talk of European defences

Dr Joseph Luns, the Secretary-General of Nato, seemed less critical of Britain than West Germany, when he spoke to me recently of Nato problems and forthcoming British defence cuts. The British Government, he said, took a very positive attitude to Nato and could fairly argue that their contribution reckoned as a proportion of gross national product was higher than the contribution of most of their allies, though that was because their GNP had risen more slowly.

West Germany's contribution, he pointed out, had risen significantly, but judged as a proportion of GNP had declined.

Dr Luns seemed to be speaking more in hope than with much conviction, however, when he said that according to his understanding Nato countries would all be consulted before any British defence cuts were finalized. He was particularly interested, he said, in the future of the British through-deck cruiser.

He spoke of this after I had asked whether the Nato area would be extended in the light of studies of defence needs outside Nato's present geographic limits. These have always been bounded by the Tropic of Cancer, south of which no Soviet ships were to be expected when the Atlantic Treaty was drawn up in 1949. Dr Luns said that

because Nato decisions had to be unanimous, he considered it "well nigh impossible" to extend the area. Nato was, however, aware of the enormous importance of the Cape route and of the Indian Ocean, especially the approaches to the Persian Gulf, and had already carried out emergency studies for action in time of war. Meanwhile the United States, Britain and France had also all drawn the consequences of the presence of 30 Soviet ships in the Indian Ocean, and he mentioned the arrival there of a United States aircraft carrier, a joint Anglo-Dutch exercise last year, and the recent visit of a French carrier force.

When matters go right for the Western world, Dr Luns is not one to play down enthusiasm. I found him in a state of near-ecstasy over the result of the Greek elections. The "rather crushing defeat of Andreas Papandreu is", he said, "most significant" in showing that Greece really did not want a rift with the West. Mr Karamannis has, Dr Luns declared, shown in the past a regard for the interests of Turkey. His massive victory now, therefore, improves the prospects for a Cyprus settlement.

When Greece recently announced that she would leave the military organization of Nato, Dr Luns sent a memorandum to Athens under, as he recalled, 26 headings with further sub-headings, to find out how the Greek decision would in practice affect arrangements between Greece and her Nato allies, but nothing he told me had happened yet to alter the arrangements. Greece, he added, benefits greatly from Nato infrastructure including a communications network; large storage depots; and five important radar stations guarding Nato's south-eastern flank. Unlike France, Greece also has a common frontier with the communist world, but France herself, Dr Luns pointed out, has in one course made satisfactory arrangements for continuing military cooperation with Nato forces.

French relations with the United States have, he proved, and although the French stand on the principle of no participation in the Nato military organization, there are high-level French liaison missions at all Nato headquarters and the French are kept fully informed. From all this Dr Luns in fact has high hopes now that serious damage to Nato's south-eastern flank by a Greek withdrawal can be discounted.

I asked whether Dr Luns would like to see a development of the nuclear effort of Nato's European members. Somewhat ruefully he replied that it was misleading to talk of European



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At the bridge on the River Kwai

British intelligence planted explosives in the bridge to destroy it.

The bridge is still used by the Thai national railway, which runs several goods and passenger trains along it, forcing sightseers to take refuge on the unsafe-looking platforms which project at intervals on each side.

Clustered at the eastern end of the bridge, on the banks of the broad and muddy river, are a group of cafes and souvenir shops. Visitors can eat Thai curries in the midday heat and imagine the horror of working under pressure at such a temperature—and this is a comparatively cool time of year.

Between the bridge and the town lies a cemetery, built and maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, containing the remains of thousands of British, Australian, New Zealand, Dutch and other allied troops who died as prisoners here. It is pleasant and well maintained. Colourful poinsettia, gladioli and other flowers blossom between the graves, and there are plenty of trees for shade. Pupils from a nearby school read and relax on the grass verges during their lunch break.

Although it is a dull, three-hour drive from Bangkok, it is quite a popular pilgrimage for tourists, according to our guide. Some tour firms operate a bizarrely mixed day trip, combining a visit to the bridge and cemetery with a call at the Ross Garden, an artificially created

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Alimony's being very mean and poating everyone

Thai folk village devoted to the manufacture and sale of hand-made sugar cane, there are shows of local dancing and customs.

I asked the guide if the bridge was popular with Japanese tourists. "Oh, yes," he said. "Many Japanese like to come. They like to see how the old times were."

Newly arrived on Camden Library's shelves Who could love the nightingale? by Chester Goble, published by Wren of Melbourne.

Feast

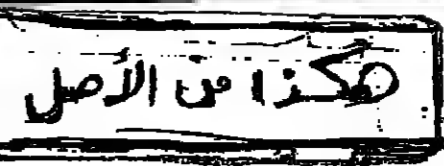
The Crafts Advisory Committee, in Waterloo Place, is offering the public *A Feast of Seasonal Surprises*. The feast, which opens today and lasts until Christmas Eve, is made up of pop art and artificial, Tussauds-like food: at any rate much of the food is artificial, though the plates and forks are made of icing sugar and are, theoretically, edible. There is also a cake made in the form of a turkey. One organizer said the idea was to put on something vulgar to attract the public. "Even getting people up the steps is difficult," she said. "We look like a bank."

Bobby Baker, a woman, made the turkey. She said she thought it was meant to show the British how decadent they were—all that sugar and everything. But then she had reservations. "I do think it's relevant," she said, "but not the

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Terms of social contract

From Mr James Prior, Conservative MP for Lowestoft
 Sir, Yesterday in the House of Commons (November 25), the Prime Minister turned down Mr Heath's request that the Government should publish a White Paper on the social contract. This was a serious and constructive proposal which deserved something better than a flat rejection.

The case for a White Paper is straightforward and compelling. The Government have continually stated that their whole economic strategy rests on the social contract; yet from the beginning they have refused to publish any details whatever about its terms.

The Government have refused to publish the terms of the social contract, the details of its guidelines, the criteria by which its success or failure should be measured or any indication whether recent pay settlements, fall inside or outside its terms.

To make matters still worse, the Government are even refusing to answer questions from Members of Parliament on the subject. On November 7 Mr Foot was asked if major wage settlements will within the social contract. He replied: "Reasonably full information about major wage settlements normally become available to my department, but it is neither necessary nor appropriate that I should attempt to divagate on every one of these." (Col 210).

This reply makes it clear that Mr Foot is deliberately withholding vital information from MPs.

The continued failure of the Government to divulge any information about their social contract raises two vitally important questions. It must inevitably raise serious doubts about the Government's own view of the likely success of their contract. But perhaps even more important, it shows that this Labour Government are quite prepared, if it suits them, to deny MPs and the press their responsibilities to carry out their responsibilities to the public.

Yours faithfully,
 JAMES PRIOR,
 House of Commons,
 November 27.

Taking action against terrorism

From Lord Campbell of Eskan
 Sir, The thirsters after revenge are urging the Government to reply to barbarity with barbarity. Have they reflected on the fact that they are in effect urging the judicial execution of many young men and women whose individual share of responsibility for collective crimes will usually be difficult, if not impossible, to establish.

I profoundly hope that the Government will have the courage to resist this unreasoning pressure for the return of capital punishment—which will rather encourage than deter political violence and bloodshed.

Yours faithfully,
 CAMPBELL OF ESKAN,
 House of Lords,
 November 27.

From Mr Graham Zellick
 Sir, If the Home Secretary is anxious to do as little violence to civil liberties as the present situation permits, he will repair the weakness in his law which leaves a person detained for as long as seven days without any independent protection.

Our ordinary system of police investigation and interrogation is unsuited to a system in which an individual is being detained in the police station for a week. There is no magisterial supervision, no tape recording, no right to a lawyer. The memory of interrogation techniques employed by the security forces in Ulster is still too fresh for there to be no misgivings as to what may happen to a suspect kept incommunicado in a police cell.

There is a simple and effective solution. It should be provided that every person detained for longer than two days should be visited daily by a Circuit Judge, preferably in the company of a registered medical practitioner.

However essential this proposed power may be, it will not be impaired by a provision along the lines described here; nor will it undermine the legitimate efforts of the police.

Yours faithfully,
 GRAHAM ZELICK,
 Faculty of Laws,
 Queen Mary College,
 University of London,
 November 26.

Morale and image of universities

From Professor J. Wiseman
 Sir, I write to protest concerning Mr Gilmour's unpleasant reference to "much of what goes on" in our universities, and its consequences for the "innates" (Times, November 22). British universities have always been mercurial of students—and staff—holding extremist views. The number of such people has usually been small. In terms of activists, it still is.

But their behaviour, in keeping with that of the rest of our society, has become more aggressive, and the attitude of other students less overtly disapproving. They are in consequence a problem; but one we know about and are doing our best to deal with. As always, the majority of our students are decent young people destined to fill responsible positions in our society, the less able and more extroverted ones might even become Members of Parliament!

Such "responsible" students get little publicity; only conflict is newsworthy. One of the most active student societies at the University of York is the Social Service Organization, engaged in voluntary social services and fund-raising. It makes no national headlines; but many local people have reason to know it is there.

Our universities are at present suffering not only from a sensation-hungry press, but also from the idiosyncratic economy measures begun by Mrs Thatcher and enthusiastically developed since. The refusal to meet rising costs which universities cannot control is imposing economies which are no less destructive for being ridiculous. (I know of one university which is removing light fittings, and forbids outward telephone calls before 10.00.)

The effects on morale of this situation are predictable. Younger staff in particular see their career prospects worsening while their work-loads are rising through worsening staff-student ratios. At the same time, their real incomes have been steadily eroded by the failure of salary increases to keep pace with inflation.

The poor image of universities among the populations at large, emanating in large part from a publicity-minded student minority and fostered by the press, is something which we can only hope to see better of public figures such as Mr Gilmour, particularly those who patter about idealism.

Unfortunately, cheap jibes such as Mr Gilmour's are becoming more common. University-bashing is publicly posed by the press, even with politicians from whom I personally had come to expect a more responsible public attitude. If people like Mr Gilmour are looking for ways to broaden the appeal of their party, do they really think that remarks such as can only help undermine university morale and a contribution to the cause.

Yours truly,
 JACK WISEMAN, Director,
 Institute of Social and Economic Research,
 University of York,
 Heslington, York.

PAIN STUMBLES TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Spain is poised uneasily on the...
 verge of a very difficult...
 period of transition. When...
 General Franco fell ill in...
 the summer it seemed...
 that the transition had...
 begun. Political life...
 began to stir and it...
 became possible to...
 discuss the future in...
 terms of a gradual...
 evolution towards...
 democracy. Then he...
 partly recovered...
 and the break was...
 put on. Among other...
 indications, the...
 liberal Minister of...
 Information was...
 dismissed last month...
 and on Tuesday night...
 a group of very...
 eminent and...
 respectable people...
 were taken into...
 custody after a...
 meeting at which...
 they discussed the...
 formation of a...
 centre-left political...
 alliance.

the middle classes, who...
 are relatively new on...
 the Spanish scene, but...
 also in the army.

The problem, therefore, is...
 not so much whether...
 the system is to...
 change but how it is...
 to change. It seems...
 unlikely that Spain...
 is an exception to the...
 general rule that...
 when change is...
 inevitable it is...
 liable to come more...
 suddenly and less...
 controllably if it...
 is frustrated beyond...
 a certain point.

community and would...
 also help to sustain...
 Nato's position in...
 the Mediterranean. The...
 nightmare of falling...
 dominoes along the...
 entire northern...
 shore of the...
 Mediterranean would...
 recede. Where Spain's...
 leaders should...
 look, perhaps, is...
 not to Portugal, which...
 has very special...
 problems arising...
 from the colonial...
 wars, but to Greece...
 where the return...
 to democracy has...
 so far been smooth...
 and successful. Admittedly...
 Greek conditions...
 are also very...
 different from...
 Spanish, but the...
 Greeks have at...
 least shown that...
 it is possible to...
 let long-hannned...
 political parties...
 contest an election...
 without disastrous...
 consequences.

Accident compensation

From Mr Raymond Kidwell, QC
 Sir, Mr Paul Sieghart (November 16) draws attention to the case of an injured child, awarded £48,000, who lost his award because the Court of Appeal held the car-driver not to blame. Mr Sieghart refers to "no-fault" systems "now in force in New Zealand, in about half of the United States and will soon be adopted in Australia... which have led not only to prompt compensation for all victims but also to substantial reductions in insurance premiums".

The unwary reader might assume that in those jurisdictions all persons injured on the road receive compensation comparable to those injured by bad driving in England.

In New Zealand, the most that anyone can receive in the most serious case is a lump-sum of £6,000 (In English courts the comparable award is over £30,000), and weekly compensation of 80 per cent of earnings (English Courts attempt to compensate in full for lost earnings, past and future, and those who have no legal claim receive social security and disablement benefits). The important point is that in New Zealand those injured by the fault of another cannot recover more than these sums, the blameless victim and the careless victim solely responsible for his own injuries being treated alike.

I cannot trace any State in America where the injured boy would have received anything in the absence of fault, and even if he had proved fault he might recover nothing, since insurance is not usually compulsory, or a limited sum because the driver is under-insured.

In any public debate on schemes of "no-fault", it needs to be understood that if the blameless and the blameworthy are to be treated equally, the level of compensation must be much lower than court awards, or there must be a drastic increase in premiums.

The Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar have proposed to the Pearson Commission a reform which, we believe, remove anomalies, and compensation to be kept at the present rate for deserting cases, at very little extra cost. The user of a motor-vehicle is to be an insurer of those injured by its use, whether he was at fault or not. All the difficulties of proving fault, and the disappearance of blameless victims recover full compensation, as at present.

Those who cause or contribute to their own injuries by their own fault recover only part of the full damages, proportioned to their own fault, and in cases of serious fault, they receive nothing, and are thus in the same position as the constitutionally disabled. Children under 15 cannot be guilty of fault. The injured boy would thus receive his £48,000, adults are treated fairly according to the circumstances, and blameless victims receive "full" compensation, as at present.

Yours faithfully,
 RAYMOND KIDWELL,
 Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Compensation for Personal Injuries,
 2 Crown Office,
 Temple, E.C.4,
 November 22.

Tied housing

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers
 Sir, Your editorial comment on the Shelter report on tied housing (November 14) expresses concern at the report's recommendation that tied housing in agriculture be phased out by giving security of tenure to those occupants whom it is not essential to have living on the holding, and to create a register of tied cottages for occupation by such as stockmen etc, with a provision that in such cases there would be a statutory obligation on the local authority to provide alternative accommodation before the courts grant a possession order.

To describe this proposal as treating the symptom rather than the cause of the problem is I suggest, to overlook the realities of the situation. It is true that there is an acute housing shortage in both rural and urban areas but that housing shortage did not give rise to the tied cottage system. The system existed in agriculture long before the rural housing shortage developed and could perhaps have been understood in the context of inordinately long hours and the absence of any real system of rural transport. Those days have long since passed, however, and we still have a situation where the agricultural worker remains notoriously underpaid when compared with other industries and neither does he enjoy the same level of amenity in terms of safety, health and welfare and general working conditions. As the Shelter report indicates, the level of agricultural workers now occupy tied cottages although the actual number remains fairly constant. It can be concluded from this that the drift from the land which has assumed serious proportions over recent years, has been simple because, given freedom of choice, the agricultural worker would elect to live in a free house and not be able to accept employment on the basis of the wages and working conditions on offer.

Neither is it true to suggest that the majority of farm workers are well satisfied with the system. It is true that there are many farm workers who enjoy a reasonably good relationship with their employer, but at its best, this type of employer's attitude is paternalistic. My union has a good record of experience of many such cases where a good employer/employee relationship has existed for many years and then a farm has been sold or the employer adopts a change of policy. The worker then discovers that whatever security and conditions of employment he has enjoyed over the years, have been on a simple "grace and favour" basis and that in terms of legal rights he is defenceless. I would suggest, take a brave agricultural worker to risk putting his home and job in jeopardy by complaining either about the tied cottage system or indeed about the poor conditions under which so many agricultural workers are obliged to exist.

The Government have committed themselves to abolition of the system in agriculture by giving tied cottage occupants security of tenure along the lines of the Rent Acts. This, being so, what are the retentionists worth! If, as has been suggested, the majority of farm workers are happy and content with their lot, then this situation will not change merely because they have

Crisis in stock market

From Mr T. S. K. Yeo
 Sir, While welcoming your leader (November 23) on the crisis in the stock market as a timely reminder of wider implications of falling share prices, I feel that your two main criticisms of the investing institutions must not go unanswred.

First, it is the very reverse of the truth to suggest that the professional managers who are responsible for the savings of millions of policyholders and future pensioners are concerned more with immediate yields than real assets. Both government stocks and many leading ordinary shares offer annual yields of between 15 and 20 per cent, and if short term considerations were predominant, then of institutions would be rushing to buy. That they are not doing so is because accelerating inflation has undermined the whole basis of long term investment.

Secondly, the reduction in the level of institutional investment from the 1972 peak, which you attribute to a lack of nerve, is in fact due to the transformation in the business environment over the last two years. Apart from the higher rate of inflation and the approach of depression, both of which have taken their toll of stock markets throughout the world, Britain has the additional burden of a government whose hostility towards private industry prevents it from permitting companies to make sufficient profits either to maintain employment or to replace worn out machinery. The savage and continuing decline in the share of gross national product attributable to corporate profits in the 10 years since Labour came to power in 1964, cannot make long term investment a profitable proposition.

As one entrusted with the stewardship of substantial sums of other people's money, it would be reckless to make long term investments until signs emerge that the return on such investments has a realistic chance of matching the liabilities which they are ultimately intended to discharge.

Yours faithfully,
 T. S. K. YEO, Director,
 Security Selection Ltd,
 Market Buildings,
 29 Mincing Lane, EC3.

THE NAXALITES—A DECLINING THREAT

Miss Mary Tyler, a British...
 school teacher who became...
 involved with the violent...
 Indian revolutionary...
 Naxalites has been held...
 in India without trial...
 since her arrest in 1970...
 Yesterday it was...
 reported that her trial...
 due to be held in...
 Bihar in Jambhedpur...
 which had been...
 postponed for the...
 fourth time. This...
 seems shocking to...
 British opinion and...
 it is certainly...
 regrettable. The...
 excuse that the...
 investigation of...
 Miss Tyler's case...
 still needs more...
 time is hard to...
 accept. On the...
 other hand such...
 is Miss Tyler's...
 identification with...
 her Indian colleagues...
 in the movement...
 that she as...
 released the...
 separate trial...
 could have...
 claimed as well...
 as the conditions...
 of detention...
 offered her as a...
 forerunner. She...
 has been determined...
 to share the...
 fate of the many...
 hundreds of...
 Indians who have...
 been similarly...
 detained.

held in West Bengal...
 under preventive...
 detention laws, with...
 a further 1,017...
 under trial or...
 sentenced. In the...
 last four years...
 until March of...
 this year a total...
 of more than...
 18,000 Naxalites...
 had been arrested...
 but they had...
 gradually been...
 released.

nothing that can any...
 longer be regarded...
 as threatening.

This might suggest...
 that the new...
 internal security...
 Act passed in...
 1971, following...
 Mrs Gandhi's...
 forthright victory...
 in the elections...
 that year, has...
 much less...
 justification...
 now than it...
 might have...
 seemed to have...
 when the...
 dangerous...
 situation in...
 neighbouring...
 Bangladesh...
 was an added...
 anxiety. A...
 further danger...
 in Indian minds...
 at that time...
 was the...
 likelihood of...
 Chinese...
 assistance to...
 a movement...
 proposed to...
 follow Chinese...
 revolutionary...
 example. But...
 that possibility...
 has also...
 disappeared...
 because no...
 fires were...
 lit in the...
 prairie and...
 Chinese...
 interests...
 lie elsewhere...
 That would...
 suggest that...
 even if...
 preventive...
 detention of...
 some kind...
 can be...
 justified in...
 India (when...
 at least...
 two...
 communist...
 parties...
 exist to...
 canvass for...
 votes) the...
 laws...
 delays are...
 something...
 of a...
 hemisib...
 Moreover...
 among...
 Indians...
 who have...
 been...
 brought...
 up to...
 respect...
 the...
 Congress...
 Party...
 there...
 are...
 many...
 who...
 have...
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 liked...
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 manner...
 in...
 which...
 it...
 has...
 tried...
 to...
 sustain...
 its...
 power...
 of...
 late...
 Mrs...
 Gandhi's...
 latest...
 campaign...
 to...
 raise...
 standards...
 of...
 the...
 party...
 needs...
 to...
 examine...
 practice...
 at...
 all...
 levels.

Rural militancy

From Mr Charles Arnold-Baker
 Sir, Further to Mr Clive Irving's...
 admirable letter, this...
 association has...
 been uttering...
 unbecoming...
 warnings about...
 the decline of...
 rural services...
 and the erosion...
 of rural values.

Can we see it...
 wherever you...
 turn: the...
 branch railway...
 lines, a former...
 centre of rural...
 life, are closed...
 and the rural...
 buses are a...
 had joke. Every...
 year a few...
 village schools...
 disappear. Village...
 clubs are...
 abandoned and...
 the children...
 are taken to...
 go miles to...
 centres.

The planners...
 treat uncouth...
 that is...
 agricultural...
 land as a...
 reserve for...
 development...
 The village...
 shop has...
 almost gone...
 in the new...
 district and...
 county...
 councils...
 and urban...
 populations...
 are...
 indistinguishably...
 associated...
 and the...
 rural voters...
 outnumbered...
 by four...
 or five.

The urban...
 executive...
 bids up the...
 price of...
 village...
 cottages. Marginal...
 agricultural...
 land is...
 going out...
 of use;...
 governments...
 have been...
 paying...
 bounties to...
 slaughter...
 pigs and...
 cut down...
 fruit trees...
 and the...
 Thorne...
 Committee...
 wanted to...
 convert...
 into...
 leisure...
 grounds. The...
 organic and...
 seasonal...
 basis of...
 rural life...
 is being...
 overtaken...
 by the...
 inert...
 materialism...
 of the...
 industrial...
 product. And...
 now there...
 is another...
 81p on...
 petrol.

It will come...
 as no...
 surprise...
 that the...
 rural...
 communities...
 are...
 breaking...
 up. Few...
 villages...
 now have...
 even 30...
 per cent...
 of their...
 adults...
 living...
 where...
 they...
 were...
 born;...
 near...
 big...
 towns...
 the...
 percentage...
 falls to...
 10. Why...
 should...
 they...
 stay...
 as...
 belated...
 suburbs...
 of an...
 urban...
 way of...
 life and...
 no...
 expensive...
 administrative...
 apparatus...
 in which...
 they...
 are...
 un...
 questionably...
 do. The...
 whole...
 jerry-built...
 structure...
 of the...
 industrial...
 society...
 depends...
 on an...
 adequate...
 food...
 supply...
 and this...
 comes...
 only...
 from...
 the...
 land

and the sea. Yet modern...
 policies are...
 placing...
 that...
 supply...
 at...
 risk...
 while...
 two-thirds...
 of the...
 world's...
 stores...
 of the...
 countryman...
 knows...
 that...
 his...
 urban...
 masters...
 have...
 taken...
 leave...
 of their...
 flocks...
 They...
 have...
 been...
 deaf...
 to...
 argument...
 and...
 fail...
 to...
 respond...
 to the...
 silent...
 pressure...
 of...
 migration...
 It...
 is...
 not...
 surprising...
 that...
 country...
 people...
 are...
 beginning...
 to...
 shout...
 and...
 erect...
 barricades.

What else...
 did anyone...
 suppose?

The most...
 important...
 activity...
 known...
 to the...
 human...
 race...
 cannot...
 be...
 expected...
 to...
 contribute...
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 full...
 share...
 to...
 indefinite...
 "growth"...
 if its...
 practitioners...
 are...
 not...
 willingly...
 conceding...
 the...
 necessary...
 esteem...
 and...
 some...
 of the...
 advantages.

Yours...
 faithfully,
 CHARLES...
 ARNOLD-BAKER,
 Secretary,
 National...
 Association...
 of Rural...
 Councils,
 100 Great...
 Russell...
 Street, WC1,
 November...
 19.

For one-handed eating

From Mrs A. K. Vinicombe
 Sir, Splays were in use in Sydney...
 in 1970 when I was...
 visiting friends...
 in that country...
 where common...
 sense seems...
 more common...
 than here. They...
 are knife-edged...
 spoons with...
 two prongs. I...
 met the...
 inventor, and I...
 bought a set...
 for my brother...
 and sister-in-law...
 and so far as...
 I know the set...
 is extant in...
 Kent.

Yours...
 faithfully,
 AUDREY...
 VINICOMBE,
 68 Beaconfield...
 Road,
 Blackheath, SE3,
 November...
 26.

Private patients and NHS

From Sir Herbert Seddon
 Sir, May I make an on-the-spot...
 addendum to Sir Francis Avery...
 Jones's excellent...
 letter that you...
 published on...
 November 12?

It has been...
 and still is...
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 to advise...
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 of patients...
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 can provide...
 appropriate...
 facilities. Two...
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 suffice: severe...
 burns and...
 paraplegia....
 Thousands...
 of pounds...
 have been...
 paid to the...
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At this...
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 in jeopardy...
 Things can...
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 done—which...
 I have...
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 France...
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 no...
 difficulty;...
 the...
 position...
 is about...
 the same...
 as it has...
 been...
 hitherto...
 in the...
 National...
 Health...
 Service.

I shall...
 be sorry...
 if a...
 mutually...
 beneficial...
 arrangement...
 has to be...
 terminated.

Your...
 obedient...
 servant,
 H. J. SEDDON,
 11, Lord...
 Street,
 Beirut,
 Lebanon.

The British banger

From Mr D. A. Pacey
 Sir, The usual...
 gloom of the...
 news in our...
 columns was...
 lifted...
 yesterday...
 (November 20)...
 in an article...
 by a spokesman...
 for the meat...
 trade was...
 reported as...
 saying "I...
 think we...
 are going...
 to see the...
 end of the...
 pork...
 sausage as...
 we know it"....
 Three (at...
 least) cheers...
 for this...
 splendid...
 news. The...
 abomination...
 which has...
 masqueraded...
 as a pork...
 sausage...
 since the...
 end of the...
 war is...
 surpassed...
 only by the...
 abomination...
 of the...
 mattress...
 stuffing...
 sliced and...
 plastic...
 wrapped...
 which...
 masquerades...
 as bread.

Yours...
 faithfully,
 D. A. PACEY,
 17, Bulborne...
 Close,
 Beaconsfield,
 Bucks.

Private patients and NHS

From Sir Herbert Seddon
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 27: The Queen this morning visited the Royal College of Defence Studies, Sandhurst House, Belgrave Square, and was received by the Commandant (Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barracough).

Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen, by Arms and a detachment of the Household Cavalry, dismounted, were on duty.

His Royal Highness, as President, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Society for Underwater Technology at Britannia House, Fishbury Circus, this afternoon.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Nottingham, Derby and Leicester today.

Her Royal Highness was received upon arrival at Nottingham Midland railway Station this morning by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Nottingham (Commander Philip Franklin, RN) and the Lord Mayor (Councillor A. S. Shelton).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited and declared open the new housing project of the Multiple Sclerosis Society (President Angela Cousins of Limerick) at West Bridgford.

Her Royal Highness was later entertained at luncheon in the County Hall and subsequently rejoined the Royal Train.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received upon arrival at Derby Railway Station this afternoon.

afternoon by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Derby (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian Walker-O'Connor, Bt) and the Mayor (Councillor G. Salt).

Her Royal Highness then visited the Royal Crown Derby Porcelain Company Limited and, having been received by the Chairman (Mr J. Bellak), toured the factory.

This evening, the Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received upon arrival at Leicester London Road Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Leicester (Colonel R. A. Martin) and the Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs Irene Pollard).

Her Royal Highness drove to the Grand Hotel, as President, attended a Dinner and Charity Ball in aid of the Save the Children Fund given by the Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women (Leicester Branch).

Miss Rowena Brassey and Major Benjamin Herman, RM, were in attendance.

By command of the Queen, the Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the departure of His Beatitude Archbishop Makarios, President of the Republic of Cyprus, and bade farewell to His Beatitude on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 27: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Queen's Nursing Institute, attended the Annual Open Meeting at the Friends' Meeting House, this afternoon.

Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 27: The Duke of Kent, as Colonel, today visited the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards at Pirbright.

Captain Peter Le Marchand was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Controller-Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, was present today at the Director's Conference at the Ministry of Defence and in the evening attended the Musical House, this afternoon.

Miss Jennifer Thomson was in attendance.

TRATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 27: The Governing Body of the school (Headmistress Mrs Klaus Schütz) visited Princess Alexandra this afternoon.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Hailes will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, at noon on Wednesday, December 4.

Forthcoming marriages

Earl of Lichfield and Lady Leonora Grosvenor
The engagement is announced between the Earl of Lichfield, son of the late Viscountess Anson and of the Princess George of Denmark, and Leonora Mary, elder daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster.

Mr M. D. Tomlins and the Hon A. M. Evans-Freke
The engagement is announced between Martin David, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Tomlins, of 29 Gerard Road, Barnes, SW13, and Angela Mary, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Carbery, of Doran Cross, Lingfield, Surrey.

Mr E. Di Zio and Miss A. Bankoff
The engagement is announced between Ettore, younger son of the late Mr Alfonso Di Zio and of Mrs Di Zio, of Città S'Angelo, Italy, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs George Bankoff, of 33 Ferncroft Avenue, London, NW3, and Piazza Fiammetta 11, Rome, Italy.

Mr A. L. Morley-Fletcher and Miss L. C. J. Mann
The engagement is announced between Alan Ian, son of the late David Morley-Fletcher, and Mrs Morley-Fletcher, of Robin Hood Gate, SW15, and Ione Carina Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Mann, of Fernhurst Place, Fernhurst, near Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A. E. G. Couchman and Miss D. A. Lunn
The engagement is announced between Anthony Edward Gerard Couchman, son of Dr and Mrs J. M. Couchman, of Pontney House, Finchfield, Hampshire, and Doreen Lunn, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. P. Lunn, of Pulvers Barn, Abinger Hammer, Surrey.

Mr H. F. Richardson and Miss J. M. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr H. F. Richardson, CBE, and Mrs Richardson, of Frank Dixon Way, Dulwich, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. V. Robinson, of Home Farm, Old Sodbury, near Bristol.

Mr A. C. D. Yarrow and Miss G. F. J. A. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr Richard Yarrow, of 27 Barkston Gardens, SW5, and Mrs Paula Clarke, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. P. Lunn, of Pulvers Barn, Abinger Hammer, Surrey.

Lord Justice and Lady Scarman, Mr and Mrs Gordon Richardson, Mr and Mrs Robert Clark, and Mr and Mrs Philip Chappell.

Selsdon Group
The Selsdon Group entertained Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, at dinner last night at the Carlton Club, Mr David Alexander was in the chair.

Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers
The Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers held their dinner of the session at the United Services Club last night. Mr John Palmer presided, and among those present were:

Lord Harcourt, Sir John Wrightson, Hon. Treasurer, Sir Harold Harding, Hon. Secretary, Sir George Stanger, Vice-President, Sir George Stanger, Vice-President, Sir George Stanger, Vice-President, Sir George Stanger, Vice-President.

Law Society
The President of the Law Society and Mrs Singleton gave a dinner party at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests were:

Middle East bids raise prices

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
There was strong interest in oriental manuscripts and miniatures which were sold at Sotheby's yesterday. The two-session sale totalled £17,057, and only two lots worth between them £700 were unsold.

There was strong bidding for the Middle East, which sent prices for the Indian miniatures with Persian subject matter well beyond those of comparable quality depicting Indian subjects.

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Science report

Fish: Mouth size and feeding habits
How cheerfully he seems to grin, How neatly spreads his claws, And welcomes little fishes in With gently smiling jaws!

Although Lewis Carroll wrote the words of the poem in the 19th century, he might have found the bizarre fish that live in deep water a more suitable subject. For it seems from the work of two Californian scientists that the relatively large mouths of many deep-water fish are a definite adaptive life in an environment where food is scarce.

The surface waters of the oceans provide a rich variety of food. In the midst of this plenty, the tendency is for fish to evolve that either grow big enough to take the largest items (and so gain the greatest amount of energy for the least effort) or specialize in feeding on the smaller particles such as plankton.

But the great ocean depths lie far from that productive zone, the concentration of food of all sizes is low. In such an environment, finding a large meal is correspondingly rare. Although that might suggest that deep-sea fish would do better by remaining small and specialized on feeding on tiny particles, Dr Alfred W. Ebeling, of California University, and Dr Gregor M. Cailliet, of Moss Landing State University, found that if natural selection would favour fish that could eat either form of food.

To prove that theory correct, the had to show that fish living at great depths can use a wider range of food particles than closely related forms living near the surface. The largest prey available to a fish actually eat, so the team had to assess their diet by examining their physical ability to consume large or small prey.

They had several clues. Fish that live on small particles have usually developed a straining mechanism of fine spines and gill rakers at the rear of their mouths. These specialized filtering mechanisms can retain particles as small as 1.0 millimetre in diameter. On the other hand, because fish usually take their prey whole, the potential for consuming large victims depends on the length of the jaw.

Dr Ebeling and Dr Cailliet chose to study the lanternfish (Myxopodidae and Neocopelidae) and the bigscale (Macrurus) because both groups contain members that live near the surface or in the depth, their morphology is well known, and they live in the same general area of California. They classed those bigscales that live more than 500 metres deep as deep-dwelling forms but considered only lanternfish that are found below 700 metres to be deep-dwellers.

They found that the thoracic skeleton of deep-dwelling lanternfish was similar in both groups and showed no significant variation with depth. The bigscales, however, were larger than those of their relatives living nearer the surface. So the deep-dwelling fish had a larger gape without losing the ability to capture the smaller particles.

In the lanternfish, that development meant an increase in body size. But the researchers found that the more highly adapted bigscales had gained a larger mouth without the bigscale's much more economical proposition.

By Nature-Times News Service.
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OBITUARY

MR FRANK BARRACLOUGH Services to education

Mr Frank Barraclough, CBE, Secretary for Education, North Riding of Yorkshire 1934-65, died on November 26.

Born in 1901 and educated at Bradford Grammar School and Queen's College, Oxford, he held teaching posts at Borough Road Training College and at Clifton College, before entering the Leeds Education Office under the then director of education, the legendary Dr James Graham.

Three years later he had moved from the industrial wealth of Leeds to the broad acres of the North Riding where he became an outstandingly able educational administrator.

He combined a shrewd Yorkshire canny with an incisive intellect which made him a formidable advocate. Working closely with such notable North Riding local statesmen as Sir William Worsley he fought endless and pleasurable battles on behalf of the education committee and the modernization of a large rural education system.

In the postwar period when money began to flow into school buildings, he came into his own as a brilliant manager. Some would say his skill was seen at its best in the close control he exercised over costs and the energy with which he drove his large building programmes forward.

But he was also interested in the quality of the schools which resulted, and during his regime many distinguished outside architects were invited to design North Riding schools.

His techniques made no allowance for human frailty; he was ruthless with incompetence, no one who worked with him found him easy. Yet he was managed to inspire great loyalty and affection by flashes of kindness and thoughtfulness which those who saw only his sardonic humour and ironical asperity were not always aware.

From 1948 to 1965 he served as treasurer of the Association of Education Committees and a member of the Burnham Committee, and as such took a large part in the formulation of the national level of salaries for local education officers. He was created CBE in 1951. He married in 1914 Barbara, younger daughter of Samuel and Mary Clegg of Sawley, Long Eaton, who, with their son, survives him.

MR CORNELIUS RYAN
Mr Hamish Hamilton writes:
May I pay tribute to the courage of Cornelius Ryan? During the seven years he spent on writing A Bridge Too Far (recently described by General Horrocks as the most brilliant account of a battle he had ever read), he knew for four of them that he had an incurable cancer of the marrow.

At a party given for him at the Royal Netherlands Embassy two months ago, I spoke to several of the survivors of Arnhem who said that Connie's heroism was as great as any shown on the battlefield. Last month the United States Air Force arranged a special parachute formation drop at Fort Bragg in his honour.

This he attended, scarcely able to walk, flanked by General Ridgway and General Gavin who spoke at the war which he had allowed no pain to affect his determination to finish the book. The generals

and the Air Force then said him and he replied with appropriate composure. I had stayed with him in hospital in the past month, never complained of pain, only regret being that "damned business" was preventing him from writing a book he had planned in particular one on the Battle of the Bulge on which he had several cassettes of files.

Earlier in the summer he conducted a local performance of Finnegans Wake with his daughter in the lead. He had been a violinist in his youth and about the same time wife Kathryn found that she was struggling up to the neck in a stroke, after trying a shrove, he collapsed.

During the war, a D. T. Medals were awarded and he was awarded the United States Medal for his reporting.

GENERAL ABYE
General Abye Ababa, former President of the Ethiopian Senate, was among those who were executed on Sunday.

He was born in 1918 in Addis Ababa. His father had two years previously rendered signal service to the Emperor during the battle at Sagalla, when the latter finally established his position by defeating a rebel army brought against him by his predecessor's father, and true to his nature the Emperor took special care of the son, who was sent to be educated at the Officers' Training School at Holeyta and adopted the Army as a career. He saw service with the partisans who fought alongside the British forces against the Italians in 1941, and in 1942, after the Emperor had regained his throne, Abye married his second daughter, the Princess Teshai, who however died to childbirth the same year. Soon afterwards he was appointed Governor-General of Wollega Province, his first experience of administration, for which he soon gave evidence of exceptional aptitude. In 1946 he served in the Army as a Divisional Commander, and in 1949 became Acting War Minister, an appointment which was made substantive in 1951. In 1955 his career took a new direction, as he was appointed Ambassador in Paris, a post which he held for the next three years.

In 1958 the Emperor recalled him in Addis Ababa and appointed him Minister of Justice. He also attracted him as his Special Representative in the Duke of Gloucester when the latter, with his daughter, paid an official visit to Addis Ababa that year; for his services in this capacity he was created an honorary KBE.

In 1959 General Abye, as he had then become, received still further advancement, being appointed Minister of the Interior and also Viceroy of Eritrea, the former Italian colony which had been federated in Ethiopia by virtue of a United Nations decision in 1952. This last was a difficult post, for Eritrea was economically depressed and had never taken kindly to Ethiopian rule, and it was a measure of General Abye's firmness and competence that he was able not only to prevent its being affected by the serious revolt which broke out in Addis Ababa in 1960.

Colonel Sir Alister Ramsford, who has died at the age of 94, was Master of His Majesty's Mint, Bombay between 1931 and 1947. After retiring in 1949 he became Bursar at Loreto School, Musselburgh.

Mr Maurice Robert Haddock, CBE, general manager and secretary, National Dock Labour Board, 1955-70, has died. He was 65.

Mr Stanley Smith, MC, OBE, elder son of Sir William A. Smith, founder of the Boys' Brigade, and a former leader of the movement himself, has died in a nursing home at Haslemere, Surrey. He was 96.

The Hon Magdalen Fitzalan-Howard, daughter of the first Viscount Fitz Alan of Derwent, has died at the age of 94.

Latest wills

Mr Hugh Carson Andrews, of Bournemouth, left £115,074, net (duty paid £14,083). He left £25,000 each to Royal National Lifeboat Institute and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and £5,000 each to the Leukaemia Research Fund, Cude Docks for the Blind Association, Scottish National Trust, National Trust, and King George's Fund for Sailors; the remainder, after personal bequests, to be divided equally between RNLI and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Sidney Maud Tulip, of North Ferryby, left £48,544, net (duty paid £306). She left £15,000 to King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Other estates include: (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates). Ormerod, Sir Benjamin, of Lincoln Inn, Lord Justice of Appeal, 1957-63, £57,034. Williams, Mr Florian, of St Leonard's, (duty paid £15,089) music publisher, £57,034. Lord, Sir Frank, of Didsam, (duty paid £2,120) £53,426.

Church News

Appointments: Canon A. H. Cochrane, Canon and Rector of St. John's, London, diocese of Durham, to be Canon Emeritus in Durham Cathedral.

The Rev. H. H. Bennett, general in charge of the Ministry of Convoy, to be Honorary Vicar of Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, diocese of Coventry.

The Rev. O. Napley, curate of St. Mary's, Northampton, to be Vicar of St. Mary's, Northampton, diocese of Northampton.

The Rev. J. W. White, vicar of St. Andrew's, Northampton, to be Vicar of St. Andrew's, Northampton, diocese of Northampton.

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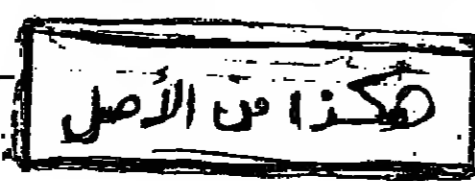
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pared with only 4 per cent three months ago... Forty per cent of companies are deferring investment in new buildings, plant and machinery...

Prospects for Tunnel scheme now slimmer

Prospects for Tunnel scheme now slimmer... Evidence is growing that the British Channel Tunnel Company together with its French counterpart is likely to insist on its contractual rights...

Until recently there have been indications that the British tunnel company might have accepted British ratification of the Anglo-French treaty...

Threshold pay not major cause of inflation

Threshold pay not major cause of inflation... The survey was conducted in April, 1974, before the first threshold payment in May...

However, thresholds have been much more important in increasing wage rates... The reason is that basic pay is considerably less than earnings...

The survey shows that basic pay is only 72 per cent of earnings for male manual workers... The other main point in the survey is that it implies that average earnings are now for the first time more than £50 a week...

Wide membership of IMF makes recycling of oil funds more difficult, Mr Volcker says

Wide membership of IMF makes recycling of oil funds more difficult, Mr Volcker says... The International Monetary Fund is not the best agency for recycling a good deal of the Arab oil revenues...

phasing out of gold from the monetary system... Mr Volcker distinguished between four aspects of the problem: the impact on the balance of payments...

and the inflationary and recessionary effects... Mr Volcker suggested that a rise in the oil price would mean a potential transfer of resources amounting to about 21 per cent of the oil consuming countries' gross national product...

institutions, disturbed markets and political crises... However, Mr Volcker believed price pressures in the United States would soon begin to abate under a recession...

ICI closing W German fibres plant

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Oil companies forced to cut price of crude

Oil companies forced to cut price of crude... Major oil companies operating in the Middle East are being forced to cut the price of crude oil to their independent customers...

Sainsbury's profits rise, Tesco's fall

Sainsbury's profits rise, Tesco's fall... Interim figures from supermarket operators J. Sainsbury and Tesco, out yesterday, offered a marked contrast...

Decision soon on proposed merger of Belgian banks

Decision soon on proposed merger of Belgian banks... Brussels, Nov 27.—Banque de Bruxelles and Banque Lambert completed a draft plan for merger...

US economic indicators fall for third month

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Some electricity accounts to go up by 5pc

Some electricity accounts to go up by 5pc... An intention to increase prices to all quarterly account users by around 5 per cent from January 1, was notified by the Electricity Council...

IATA again fails to agree on North Atlantic tariff

IATA again fails to agree on North Atlantic tariff... The negotiations broke down over the exact level of fares and the conditions at the cheaper end of the tariff...

SE Council will investigate 'short selling'

SE Council will investigate 'short selling'... The Council of the Stock Exchange is conducting an informal investigation into the effects of "short selling"...

Malayan Tin Dredging, Limited

Malayan Tin Dredging, Limited... Salient Points from the statement by Mr F. G. Charlesworth, the Chairman, for the year ended 30th June, 1974.

Southern Malayan Tin Dredging Limited

Southern Malayan Tin Dredging Limited... Sales of 2,563 tonnes of tin concentrate for the year exceeded sales for the preceding year by 238 tonnes...

Separate reactor sites for future nuclear steel plants

Separate reactor sites for future nuclear steel plants... Future European development work on nuclear steel-making is to be based on the concept of a steelworks sited away from a high temperature reactor (HTR)...

which will ensure a continuous supply of gas... The reducing gas for iron making will be made from the most appropriate hydrocarbon using heat from an HTR...

Fire damage at £14.4m

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How the markets moved

Table with columns: Rises, Falls, Commodities, On other pages. Lists various market movements and financial data.

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Table with columns: THE POUND, Bank, Buys, Sells. Lists exchange rates for various countries.

CBI says country can't afford contract

By Malcolm Brown
Mr Ralph Bateman, president of the Confederation of British Industry, yesterday called on the Government and the Trades Union Congress to re-examine the whole social contract. It was beyond the country's means, he told industrialists in Nottingham.

At the same time the CBI president made it clear that industry would be prepared to talk to the Government about some form of agreement on industry. This appeared to be a direct response to the challenge put forward on Tuesday by Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he said that some form of separate social contract was needed to ensure that industry used the Budget measures on increased profitability and liquidity to improve productive investment and exports.

If ministers seriously expect employers to stand firm against inflationary wage claims, Mr Bateman said, they must either impose statutory wage controls which few people want, or they must begin to balance the scales again and return us to the healthy situation whereby both sides of industry can negotiate pay and conditions from a more equal base of power and responsibility.

If the Government accepted the need to restore the balance of power, then they must take action on four fronts. First, industry must be restored to a strong and secure financial position. The Budget and price code modifications would not stop the rot, only slow it down.

The ability of firms either to meet high wage demands, or to stand up to the great financial burdens of strike action, is severely limited. Companies are currently thinking in terms of "survival not show-downs", Mr Bateman said.

Thanet council in £7m homes deal

Roger Malcolm Development, a member of the Capital and Counties Group, yesterday signed a contract worth £7m with the Thanet District Council for the construction of 645 new homes at Millmead Road, Cliftonville, Margate, Kent. Work is to start next month and the building programme is due to take four years.

Another 1,000 laid off as Triumph troubles spread to other plants

By R. W. Shakespeare
More than 8,000 workers were idle, either on strike or laid off, at British Leyland's Triumph car factories in Coventry yesterday. Another 700 men were laid off at the company's Liverpool plant and 250 more at a body pressings factory in Birmingham.

The complete shutdown has halted production of the entire Triumph range, apart from the Toledo cars, which are still being made at Liverpool. But output of these could soon be affected by components shortages, particularly engines which are made in Coventry.

The stoppage is the result of a walkout by 1,000 assembly track workers at Coventry plant on Tuesday, only 24 hours after they had been recalled from a two weeks lay-off caused by a

strike of control room operators. Assembly line men, who are picketing the plant, are demanding payment for the time they lost through lay-off.

Yesterday Mr Eddie McGarry, chairman of the joint shop stewards committee at Rover-Triumph, said that the stand being taken by the assembly men had the full support of other workers.

He said: "Workers who should have been earning about £55 a week have had their average earnings reduced to between £34 and £38 a week for the whole of last year, because of continuous lay-offs. It is always the track workers who are hit most because they are right at the end of the assembly line."

Japanese seek clarification from UK car industry on export 'obstacles'

By Clifford Webb
Alarmed by the mounting pressure for Japanese car imports to be restricted the Japanese Motor Manufacturers' Association has asked the British motor industry to substantiate withdrawal allegations that hidden obstacles are closing the Japanese market to European car exports.

A spokesman for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said in London last night: "The Japanese are among several interested parties who have asked for clarification of the speech made by Sir Raymond Brookes in Turin recently. We are not prepared to give details of the other parties at this stage but we shall be complying with their requests for detailed information."

The move follows last

month's sharp attack on the Japanese by Sir Raymond, the society's president and chairman of GKN. Speaking at the Turin Motor Show he said it was almost impossible for European manufacturers to overcome the non-tariff obstacles usually found in the smallest print. He warned: "The Japanese must share their cake or we must take action to see they stop gnawing ours."

Yesterday Mr Ray Carter, MP for Northfield, which includes Longbridge, British Leyland's biggest car plant, called for immediate government action to correct the "appalling balance of trade in cars between Japan and Britain". Last year 81,000 Japanese cars were sold in Britain against 1,200 British cars bought in Japan.

Mr Carter said: "Japan's

defence has always been that she puts no restrictions on foreign imports. But it is known to everyone, except the Government apparently, that those who want to export to Japan have to join in the normal practice of paying a bribe to get their goods before the door can be effected. Either Japan must put the situation right or a ban must be imposed on Japanese imports. We have played the gentlemanly game for too long."

Mr Octave Borna, chairman of Datsun UK, the privately owned concessionaire which handles all Datsun imports in Britain, said: "Mr Carter is talking through his hat. I know the conditions in the Japanese market better than most people and I have never heard of this so-called common practice of demanding exorbitant sums."

Plea to EEC for inflation accounting

From David Cross
Brussels, Nov 27
Growing concern among European industrialists about the erosion of their profits and capital resources has prompted an urgent appeal to EEC member governments for the generalised introduction of inflation accounting.

A resolution adopted by the Union of Industries of the European Community (UNICE), which groups industrial federations of the nine including Britain's Confederation of British Industry, calls for the authorization "as from now of accounting methods that avoid the over statement of profits and to ensure, accordingly, the adaptation of national fiscal legislation".

Cammell Laird strikers divided on parity offer

A strike of 2,500 workers which has shut down Cammell Laird's Birkenhead shipyard is to continue into its seventh week. Workers at a meeting yesterday were divided on a union proposal to accept the management's latest offer on pay parity.

The meeting broke up in disorder as Mr Bill Crichton, president of the Mersey Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, promised to hold more talks with the management. He will report to a mass meeting tomorrow. As a result of the strike, nearly 2,000 other shipyard workers have been laid-off. Shop stewards have also locked out about 400 members of the management and office staff.

State takeover could link BAC and Hawker

By Arthur Reed
An optimistic view of the results of nationalization of the British aerospace industry as proposed by the Government was given yesterday by Mr Allen Greenwood, deputy chairman of the British Aircraft Corporation.

Most leaders of the industry have so far expressed opposition to the plan, and several have made it clear that they would leave rather than serve the state sector. Mr Greenwood said, in an interview with the AP-Dow Jones news agency that the intention to nationalize aircraft manufacturing could lead to the creation of a new and powerful company to compete in the international market.

Business deals are costing less

Figures collected by the Government journal *Trade and Industry* and published today show that from last July to September there were 101 acquisitions of industrial and commercial companies worth £75m. There were only ten fewer acquisitions than in the second quarter.

The downturn continued in both the number of deals and their value since the beginning of the year. The number of companies bought and the amount paid for them were less in the third quarter than in any since *Trade and Industry* began collecting them in 1969.

In the first quarter, 191 companies were bought for £253m; and in the second 128 companies were acquired for £130m, both quarters comparing poorly with 1973's quarterly average of 301 companies for £326m.

There was a small rise in the proportion of total spending accounted for by cash (to 56 per cent) and a sizable gain in the proportion accounted for by the issue of ordinary shares, from 21 per cent in the second quarter to 43 per cent in the third. Issues of fixed interest stocks were negligible.

Bonn's economy boost

Herr Armin Gruenewald, West German government spokesman, confirmed that the cabinet will decide on measures to boost the economy on December 11. He told a press conference that wide-ranging agreement was reached at Tuesday's meeting between Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, leading ministers and Dr Karl Klasen, President of the Central Bank.

Swiss bank decree

Swiss National Bank announced that it had advised main Swiss banks that it will probably decide today to re-introduce a modified version of a forced conversion decree that was in effect from February, 1972, to January, 1973.

Under the new decree, commercial banks will have to purchase on the domestic foreign exchange market a dollar amount equivalent to their Swiss franc exports. The transactions will have to be made as soon as possible, a spokesman said.

Yarn cutback plan

Japanese cotton, spun rayon, and synthetic fibre yarn manufacturers, applied to the Fair Trade Commission for permission to form a recession cartel to overcome the current slump in the yarn market.

The All-Japan Cotton Spinners Association want a reduction of 35 per cent in spinning machines, a five-day week, and the freezing of 100,000 bales of yarns through purchases from the market.

State land takeover would mean fewer homes

Mr Dick Sinfield, president of the House-Builders Federation, gave a warning yesterday that land nationalization would mean fewer and dearer houses, with less choice for the buyer.

Addressing housebuilders in Manchester, he said that they would face the worst of all possible worlds under land nationalization.

When local authorities took over development land the entrepreneurial builder would undergo a transformation and become a hybrid contractor—he would have to sell his houses commercially as best he could without controlling the land on which they were built.

"This may have disastrous consequences for the future of the speculative housebuilder and, therefore, for the future availability of inexpensive housing for the owner occupier," Mr Sinfield said.

The builder would be unable to adjust his building costs to his land costs or vice versa. He would be unable to raise a loan on the security of the land because he would not own it.

Joint mortgages: The number of homes bought on a joint mortgage by married couples has doubled in the past 10 years, according to an Anglia Building Society survey. Of all the September mortgages granted by the society, 81 per cent were joint mortgages compared with 35 to 40 per cent in 1964 and 1964 and 10 per cent in 1936.

Big rise in October coal output

By Business News Staff
Deep-mined coal output and productivity during October were higher than at any time since May, 1973, according to the Department of Energy's statistical bulletin, *Energy Trends*, published today.

Coal stocks at power stations increased slightly during the month to 13,578,000 tons, with total stocks amounting to 21,583,000 tons.

Overall coal productivity (output per man-shift) in October was 3 per cent higher than in October, 1973. Overall productivity for October was the highest since May, 1973, and the average weekly deep-mined production in October was higher than for any month since May, 1973.

The trend of reduced energy consumption is continuing, the Department says. Consumption during September was 1 per cent higher than in September, 1973, but when calculated on a seasonally adjusted basis, which reflects temperature changes, this is said to be equivalent to about 4 per cent less as September this year was unusually cold.

A revival in demand for heating oils is reported, with inland deliveries of refined oil products in September only 3 per cent below those of September, 1973.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lord Rothschild: a leader to unite agriculture's disenchanting factions

From Mr Anthony Rosen
Sir, Your lucid article, "Need for a farming policy, not a political football" by Lord Rothschild, raises the pertinent questions as to whether the "think tanks" great loss could well be agriculture's gain?

The perpetual lack of awareness, so ably described by Lord Rothschild, by Government and the layman of the true and important role that agriculture is and always has been able to play in the nation's affairs, is now well known enough not to need repetition.

However, the main cause of this must be laid firmly upon the agricultural industry itself. There is no organization at present in being that can claim that it is in a position to speak on behalf of the agricultural industry as a whole.

The Country Landowners' Association, surely one of the most powerful private lobbies in the country, can itself only speak for that which it believes is best for its members, mainly the landowners but also owner-occupiers of farmland.

The National Farmers' Union does, as its title so aptly describes, act as a union on behalf of its members, but unfortunately it does not necessarily follow that what is good for the masses of individual farmers is the best for the agricultural industry as a whole.

Like-wise, the National Union of Allied and Agricultural Workers acts on what it believes is best for its own members.

As for the food processing industry, it is considered by many in the farming industry as being "the opposition".

The time must be right for all of these vitally interested parties to get together and provide a united front, and to decide as to just what is the best course for the whole British agricultural industry, and thus it follows, best for the country.

Lord Rothschild as first chairman, inevitably. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY ROSEN, Managing Director, Fountain Farming Limited, Chapmanston Farm, Hursthouse Priors, Whitechurch, Hampshire.

From Sir Peter Allen
Sir, Lord Rothschild's article in your issue of November 13 deserves the active support of all men of goodwill.

It puts admirably a point which I tried to make in my letter to you on Co-operative policy in opposition on October 25.

If our farmers are efficient, as we all believe, it is absurd that farming should not be rewarding. Why isn't it? It must be that pricing and marketing, the areas where politics enter, are at fault.

Can we not find enough men of good will in all parties to agree to form a national body to:—

(a) Find the facts, eg. what is needed to make farming profitable or how to grow say two-thirds of our food.
(b) Determine the policy to do this.
(c) Be empowered or empower an executive to carry the policy out.

Yours faithfully, PETER ALLEN, Telham Hill House, Battle, Sussex.

Correcting the statistics about gambling

From Mrs E. Ansell
Sir, Isn't it about time the statistics given to Paris about gambling were corrected, instead of only figure for turnover, the giving an entirely false impression.

The latest figure as quoted today's *Sporting Life* (November 22), of £11 per head population over 18, is wrong picture, as it does give the amount paid back of the £11.

If this were to be given after all, the stake less it turn is the only amount aily "spent" by the pur the amount would be und per head as far as bookie are concerned.

I cannot, of course, speculate, casinos and betting the amount actually spent little under 43 per cent the Exchequer in the betting duty, and I would thought that Mr Fardoe could not expect more.

These figures, of course, not the end of the story, use taxation goes, but at they are simple enough for those MPs who do not understand. Yours faithfully, E. ANSELL, Secretary, Ansell Brothers, Turf Accountants, 22 Melcombe Street, London, NW1.

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From Mr William Maidm
Sir, If Mr V. W. McErlin, of Fowler's N English Usage or to the English Dictionary he will that the Post Office is r make connexion. YI flect his muscles as a action to this discovery yours truly, WILLIAM R. MAIDMI 17 Forest View, Clingford, London, E4, November 16.

Capital transfer tax and charities

From Mr Hugh Belshaw
Sir, In the final paragraph of his report on post-Budget prospects for charities (Nov 14), Derek Harris comments that the new capital transfer tax is likely to hit charities hard in terms of substantial gifts made to charities by individuals during their lifetime. This assumes that the Government is intending only partially to follow the estate duty rule (under which bequests of up to £50,000 to charities are free from tax), and that in the case of an individual giving cumulative gifts amounting to over £50,000 to a charity during his lifetime the donor would be subject to tax.

In the White Paper, a specific paragraph (No 15) states that "the Government are considering the treatment of capital transfer tax and gifts made before the year preceding a donor's death would equally be exempt.

During their deliberations on this question, therefore we must assume in all good faith that there is no intention on

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Supermarket contrasts



Mr. John Sainsbury, chairman of J. Sainsbury's: plenty to be pleased about.

Sainsbury they were pleased with themselves... Based as it was on a gain of around 11 per cent...

struggle for a share of available volume growth was available during a tough period for consumer spending...

reasonable assumption that the yield is likely to prove strictly historic, and try as Avon Rubber did yesterday to prove this need not necessarily be the case...

So far as the short-term fears go, Avon itself has little to say that is reassuring. Slightly improved profits in the second half of the latest year must have owed something to recovery from the three day week...

After the oil crisis, textile manufacturers like those of plastic-using products stocked heavily as a hedge against escalating prices and possible supply interruptions...

W. H. Smith Some bright spots... W. H. Smith had an agonizing first half, and far worse than the market had been anticipating...

Some analysts are going for a one-third fall in chemical industry profits next year (perhaps higher in Germany because of the strong Deutsche Mark)...

More significant, perhaps, is the group's claim that it was not just last May's enforced gross margin adjustment that caused the problems, but the

Lessons the clothing makers can draw from past successes

Now that the textile cycle is careering downwards with its traditional and notorious rapidity, and fibre producers, spinners weavers and other sectors of the trade are being forced to move on to short-time working...

all clothing sectors improved their profitability over the previous year. Profit margins—profit ratios—moved only slightly from 8 per cent to 8.2 per cent, however, while stock turnover rose from 4.5 per cent to 4.8 per cent.

per cent, with seven of the 20 most profitable companies for 1972-73 also in the top 20 companies for the previous year. Of the others, nine companies were included for the first time in the 1971-72 tables and of the others all but one had a profitability level in excess of the median of the industry in 1971-72.

larged EEC—with Holland the most favoured country—four in South Africa and two each in New Zealand and the United States. Four more have been established in Sweden and others in Hongkong and Spain.

Against the present turbulent background the executives of clothing companies listed in the clothing league tables should be able to draw some conclusions which might help to stem the tide.

Overall in the league table rankings, the median level of profitability last year was 18.7 per cent, with seven of the 20 most profitable companies for 1972-73 also in the top 20 companies for the previous year.

Shareholders' funds—equity interest, preference capital and inter-group liabilities—accounted for 54.3 per cent of the latest sample's total resources.

At the end of the third quarter, it had some \$365m in cash and marketable securities on hand, slightly more than a year earlier. Since September 30, sources say, these reserves have steadily dwindled towards the \$200m "minimum" regarded as necessary for normal day-to-day operations...

Chrysler starts a slimming course

The Chrysler Corporation may emerge from its present troubles as a much smaller enterprise. Over the next month or two, it will plunge deeply into debt to its banks. Its first quarter dividend, normally declared in February, will probably be cut from the usual 35 cents and the third-ranking American car maker is not expected to show any profit for this year.

Chrysler officials insist that the company's foreign operations are not going to be cut. But now those operations have fallen on hard times, too, and some analysts believe that Chrysler may have to trim them.

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out that he is being pressed to stay. Boast became the BSF's first executive vice-president after the RAF and a period with Ford. To reconcile the 600 or so fiercely competitive individuals within the scrap industry was no walkover.

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Dividends up, but Hambros half the profit shows big setback

...laying a position of strength in July, after using net profit from £3.63m. Hambros now reports group profits of £1.2m, a 50% fall on the £2.4m of the previous year. The group's earnings from commercial banking operations were slightly ahead of those of last year, after taking a stringent view of possible debt losses. But the results of other commercial banking operations, including corporate finance activity, and the management of customers' funds, were at lower levels. While stating that it was impossible to present circumstances to make any prediction on the result for the full year, for the first time an important aspect of the year's trading is expected to be a "significant" profit contribution to group earnings from Hambros Life Assurance.

Meanwhile, it declares interim dividends of 23.3p against 22.5p on the £10 shares (£2.50 paid) and 2.53p (2.25p) on the 25p ordinary, and 2.99p compared with 3.2p on the £1 "A". The payments on the £10 and 25p are about 12.5 per cent greater, and the board expects to pay a similar rate of increase in the final dividends.

Mr Justice Templeman adjourned for three weeks the Panel's application for an early trial of an action by Mr David Tannen against the consortium. On the Panel's findings will depend whether the action is founded. Mr Tannen, a shareholder of Crest International and a director of a number of its subsidiaries, is seeking a declaration that a bid by Crest for Ashbourne's remaining shares should be invalid, unless approved by the Crest shareholders in general meeting. The Panel has become involved in the action because its widest objective, having already acquired 43 per cent of Ashbourne, to bid for the remaining 57 per cent at the same price of 46p a share. A second action, between Crest and some Ashbourne directors, has been settled, both sides withdrawing all claims.

All-clear for Panel to open inquiry on Ashbourne

The Take-over Panel may conduct a private inquiry into the proposed bid by the Crest International consortium for Ashbourne Investments without fear of contempt of court proceedings, the High Court ruled yesterday.

Discouraging day ahead of ICI's statement

The technical rally in the equity market was beginning to fade by the close of yesterday's trading session. Further losses in gilts discouraged the share market, and there was a general unwillingness to leave positions open ahead of today's trading statement from ICI.

The market appeared more confident on ICI's statement, which was well received, looking for a total of close to £125m in today's announcement. The rub is likely to come in any comment on the outlook, which could reawaken City apprehensions of the trend of future trading reports from major companies.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par value)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ampol Petroleum (50c) Fin	2.25	2.25	26/2	5.98	5.98
Assoc Newspapers (25p) Int	2.22	1.97	26/2	12.81	12.21
Avon Rubber (1s) Fin	8.62	3.21	27/1	2.49	2.49
Sir Joseph Causton (25p) Fin	1.49	1.49	6/1	5.23	5.23
Alfred Dunhill (10p) Int	2.98	2.61	15/1	4.89	4.89
Evans of Leeds (25p) Int	1.51	1.51	7/1	3.55	3.55
R.C. Construction (25p) Int	1.32	1.17	6/1	1.85	1.85
B. Ferdinands (20p) Int	0.8	0.75	27/1	5.11	4.89
John Foster (25p) Int	1.25	1.25	27/1	9.45	9.45
Gen Stockholders (25p) Int	6	4.3	23/1	2.54	2.54
Genstar (25p) Int	35.3	22.5	6/1	1.1	1.1
Hensler Furnitures (10p)	2.1	2.1	27/1	2.54	2.54
Alan Kennedy (25p) Int	1.26	0.74	27/1	9.45	9.45
Loval's Shipping (1s) Int	2.98	2.16	10/1	5.10	4.44
W. & G. Zand (10p) Int	2.35	2.16	10/1	2.49	2.49
McNeill Group (25p) Int	1.36	1.31	15/1	4.19	4.19
W. H. Smith (1s) Int	1.88	1.5	14/2	1.88	1.88
Woolley's (25p) Int	0.42	0.5	31/1	11.90	11.90
J. Sainsbury (5s) Int	2.2	2.0	20/1	2.32	2.32
W. H. Smith (1s) Int	3.96	3.5	20/1	1.54	1.54
J. W. Spear (24p) Int	0.5	0.57	7/3	1.57	1.57
Tesco Stores (5p)	0.79	0.68	7/3	1.54	1.54
Trigler (25p) Int	1.71	1.57	25/1		



Farmers to carry on fight for FMC

By David Mott
Mr David Darbishire, chairman of the NFU Development Trust, yesterday accused Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, of using the "filmmaker's pretence" for referring to the Monopolies Commission the trust's 65p-a-share offer for FMC, the meat wholesaler. The fight for farmer control of FMC would go on, Mr Darbishire said.

Speaking to the Broadway North Cotswold branch of the National Farmers Union, he said it seemed quite inconceivable that when farmers tried to help themselves with their own money in the "most ruinous and catastrophic" period in the history of the livestock industry, the bid should be referred on what appeared to be the flimsiest of pretences.

Mr Darbishire added that FMC earned more money on capital invested in its first eight years of existence than it had as a public company over the past 12 years.

Mr Richard Sykes, for the Panel, asked for an early trial, and Mr Justice Templeman for the case to be heard in the next few weeks. He said he would not intend to attend at present to make a bid, he said.

Consumer stocks were dominated by trading reports from major companies. Retailing profits in the first half took shares in Tesco down 2 1/2 to 20p. But J. Sainsbury (77p) improved after reporting good interim results. On the store newspaper pitch, shares in W. H. Smith, and Unilever (158p) held steady.

Shares in ICI touched 12 1/2 at one time, but shaded lower to 12 1/4 at the close. The FT index closed a net 13 up at 1713, after touching 1723. The Times index gained 0.67 to 66.57. Recorded bargains, 5.50 for 100 shares in ICI, 5.50 for 100 shares in ICI, 5.50 for 100 shares in ICI.

Check to growth in Alfred Dunhill opening

Now rated mainly as a luxury summer goods share, the tobacco group, Alfred Dunhill, is up over 50 per cent-owned by Schmans International, shows the effect of the prevailing economic difficulties in its interim results to September 30. In turnover some 20 per cent higher at £2.5m, pre-tax profit rose only 9 per cent to £297m. To facilitate comparison, the interim dividend is up from 2.61p to 2.98p, the preceding six months profits were increased 45 per cent.

Mr Dunhill, chairman of Alfred Dunhill, interim profit was £140,000 to £207,000, while the interim dividend is up from 1.5p to 1.7p.



Harland Simon, a specialist electronics company which is part of the Weir Group, is to be sold to ASEA, the Swedish electrical engineering group. The consideration is £1m including the repayment by HS of a loan from Weir.

ASEA pays £1m for Weir subsidiary

The agreement, which takes effect from the beginning of next year, includes the acquisition by ASEA of the electronic drive control business at present carried on under licence from HS by the Weir Group's Canadian subsidiary, Peacock Brothers, of Montreal.

Our turnover increase of 30.6% is higher than was budgeted and reflects a satisfactory volume growth of approximately 11%. Owing to last year's sales pattern, some reduction in this rate of increase is likely in the second half of the year.

SAINSBURY'S Interim Results for the 28 weeks to September 21st 1974

	1974 £000	1973 £000
*Turnover (inclusive of VAT)	230,913	176,802
Profit before taxation		
Retailing—Percentage margin 3-1% (1973 3-8%)	7,144	6,753
Associated Companies—Share of Profit	376	122
	7,520	6,875
Taxation at 52% (1973 52%)	3,910	3,575
Profit after taxation	3,610	3,300

Foster looks or strong finish

Reporting a slump to interim profits from £508,000 to £247,000 pre-tax (the periods are not strictly comparable because of a new year end), Yorkshire's mobile and worsted manufacturers Jobo Foster says the change means that the first six months now give less indication than before of the final result.

Triplex Foundries back to form

In line with the buoyant note struck at the annual meeting in August, Triplex Foundries Group resume the pace of the corresponding half with a 44 per cent jump to £533,000 pre-tax in the six months to September 30, 1973, showed a jump of 40 per cent over the corresponding week intervening, full-time results rose 9 per cent to a record £915,000. Retained profit moved from £140,000 to £207,000, while the interim dividend is up from 1.5p to 1.7p.

McNeill Group

Although an improvement is expected in the second half, taxable profits of the McNeill Group in the first six months are down from £252,000 to £171,000 on turnover up from £3.6m to £4.8m. The dividend is increased from 1.31p to 1.36p.

Fosco sales pass £80m

Sales of Fosco Minsep jumped by 37 per cent from £59.3m to £80.7m in the nine months to September 30—this third quarter producing a 38 per cent rise from £20.3m to £28m. Sales are only £2.3m short of the record £83m achieved for the whole of 1973.

AI will bid for rest of Derritron

Having gained a 26.5 per cent interest in Derritron in March, 1973, Amalgamated Industries, with a further purchase, will be making a general offer for the remainder.

Business appointments

Mr Walter Hurrell becomes a senior vice-president of Gillette Company. Sir Richard Way is to become executive director of Dobson Park Industries. He has been chairman of the company since 1970 and leaves at the end of this year.

Interim Dividend

The Directors have announced an intention to pay an interim dividend of 1.5p per share (1973 1.4p per share) which, together with its associated tax credit, is equivalent to a gross dividend of 2.2388p per share. Subject to the approval of shareholders, the Directors also intend to give shareholders the right to elect to receive fully paid shares in place of the cash dividend.

AC Cars-Goldbeath

Goldbeath and its associates have bought a further 17,500 shares in AC Cars, bringing its stake up to 14.45 per cent or 289,540 shares. ACC, a close company, had taxable profits in the first half to March 31 last of £61,000, and the board says they expect a reduced level of profitability in the second half.

Carriore loan

Anthony Carriore, Durham-based makers of transporters and trailers, restrained by the increasing difficulty in financing supplies, approached the Department of Industry and obtained an offer of a £150,000 loan. Shareholders are being asked to approve acceptance of this and also an increase in

Property losses dent Stait

Taxable profits of Stait Carding Group, the Solihull-based property development and motor vehicle distribution group (formerly Carding Investments), has been hard hit in the first half to September 30, by losses on its property side. These have cut profits from £658,000 to £116,000 and was arrived at after making a provision of £200,000 for possible future losses on the realisation of properties held for development and sale.

J. W. Spear up 66 pc

Following last year's record pre-tax profit of £958,000, J. W. Spear & Sons, makers of "Scrabbler" and other toys and games, have increased their interim profits by 66 per cent to £479,000 and a satisfactory result is looked for in the full term. Turnover is ahead from £1.19m to £1.69m, and the dividend is 0.9p against equal to 0.87p gross.

TPG in Dover Eng

Thomas Poole & Gladstone China has bought 800,000 shares—just over 20 per cent—of Dover Engineering for £96,000 cash.

Two named for board of Tesco stores

Mr Michael Darnell and Mr Donald Harris have joined the board of Tesco Stores (Holdings). Mr Darnell, who has been appointed chairman and Mr Geoffrey Buckdole deputy chairman of Ernest Sraggs and Sons (Basingstoke).

Stanley Gibbons

Turnover of Stanley Gibbons Production of 50c—far in 1974 has exceeded £1m of which 20 per cent represents export sales.

Record of Uninterrupted Profit Growth Continues

Financial Highlights for year ended 30th June 1974

	1974	1973
Turnover	31,844,825	21,900,839
Profits before taxation	6,526,698	5,633,595
Profits after taxation	3,038,514	3,210,015
Earnings per share	22.3p	21.1p
Dividend cover	9.7	6.1

Five Year Profit Record

Salient points from the annual statement of the Chairman, Mr. L. A. BARRATT:

- The group built more houses, completed more contracts, commenced more commercial developments and made higher profits than in the previous year.
- Our continued growth and increased profits were achieved in the face of the very difficult trading conditions prevailing during the year ended 30th June 1974, which was one of the worst years since the war for the building industry.
- We completed and sold well over 3,000 houses for the first time and the group is now the second largest private builder in Britain. This expansion was substantially assisted by our geographical spread of activities throughout the country.
- The total dividend for the year of 39.396p represents the maximum permitted due to government restraint.
- In these difficult conditions prevailing the excellent arrangements we have with our bankers for working capital should permit us to continue on our path of planned expansion.

Barratt Developments Limited
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Evans of Leeds

Evans of Leeds for half year £238,000 (£225,000). Dividend is 1.57p (1.5p) gross. Gross rents, £542,000 (£474,000), and interest receivable £34,000 (£20,000). Development profits, etc. £57,000 (£81,000).

Monks Inv

Interim dividend revenue £808,000 (£719,000). Dividend 0.52p (0.5p) and interim value per share 31p (30.5p). Total earnings a share should be about same as last year.

B. Fertleman & Sons

Turnover up from £1.12m to £1.1m for year. Taxable profit, £181,000 (£150,000). Dividend 0.8p (0.75p). Sales good in second half and board seeking acquisition opportunities.

French Bank in London

Banque de la Société Financière Européenne, the Paris multi-national merchant bank, has opened a representative office in London.

Melville, Dundas

Interim turnover £5.5m (£5.4m) and pre-tax profit £390,000 (£253,000).

FC Construction

In half to June 30 taxable profit £181,000 (£150,000) from turnover of £1.62m (£1.75m). Earnings 3.35p (3.28p) a share.

Hutchison-Boag Ltd

Interim 1974 dividend five cents (15 cents) determined by need to conserve cash position and in view of uncertain trading prospects. First-half profits about 50 per cent below same period last year. While outlook for second half is better, last year's record profit will not be repeated.—Reuter, Hongkong.

BRICKHOUSE DUDLEY

MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF ROAD AND INSPECTION MANHOLE COVERS AND FRAMES

Interim Report

	Half year 30.9.74	Half year 30.9.73	Year to 31.3.74	Year to 31.3.73
Turnover	£700	£500	£700	£700
Group Profit before tax	6,140	2,775	4,821	4,821
Corporation Tax 52%	710	480	1,150	843
Group Profit after tax	5,430	2,295	3,671	3,978
Dividends:				
Interim per share	0.593578125p**†	1.1025p†	1.1025p†	1.50p
Final per share	£88,941.75	£87,803.75	£87,803.75	£82,250
			£158,119	£128,160

*On capital as increased by one-for-one scrip issue
†Shown net—under current tax system

Results: The Directors report that the unaudited profit before taxation for the half year ended 30th September, 1974 was £216,000. This has been achieved on an increased issued share capital of 21.8%, and represents a substantial overall increase in profits when compared with the corresponding period of last year. During the period, our turnover was £6,140,000 and in real terms, after taking into account inflation, has approximately doubled as against last year.

Prospects: Our foundries and merchanting companies are still trading satisfactorily and whilst there has been some decline in home market orders, exports have considerably improved and at the present moment it would appear that our profits for the second half of the year will be in line with those of the first half.

It is interesting to note that sales from our merchanting division, which concentrates on drainage commodities, amounted to £2,400,000 and reflects the result of the rapid expansion of this facet of the Group's activities.

Interim Dividend: The Directors have decided to declare an Interim Dividend of 0.593578125p per share with an associated tax credit of 0.29238875p per share, making a total of 0.88596375p per share to Shareholders on the register at 6th December payable on the 2nd January 1975. When one takes into account the scrip issue of 1-for-1 this represents an increase of 12 1/2% on last year.

J. Goodridge,
Chairman and Managing Director

GROVELAND ROAD, TIPTON, STAFFS.

A cut above the rest. Drummond's Freedom Suitings

Stock Exchange Prices Less certain

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Nov 25. Dealings End Dec 6. Contango Day, Dec 25. Settlement Day, Dec 17. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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Main table containing stock exchange prices for various sectors including Commercial and Industrial, Monwealth and Foreign, and various stock categories like AR Stocks, S and Discounts, and Series and Distilleries.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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O-S

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

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MISCELLANEOUS

SHIPPING

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

Knighr Frank & Rutley

WEST SUSSEX

Billinghurst 1 mile, Horsham 8 miles, Petworth 6 miles.

AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL AND SPORTING ESTATE



A beautiful Manor House part period with galleried reception hall, 4 reception rooms, office, 5 principal bedrooms, dressing room, 4/5 self bedrooms, 5 bathrooms in all. Central heating. Beautiful grounds including walled rose garden, hard tennis court and heated swimming pool. Lodge, boathouse and butler's cottage. Ample parking. Excellent stable block including 8 boxes and double railed paddocks with shelters. A set of traditional farm buildings, farmhouse and 4 cottages. Farmland and small area of woodland. Coarse fishing in the River Arun.

IN ALL ABOUT 251 ACRES

(Additional land may be available if required). FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY The house would be sold separately with any area of land from 20 acres upwards as required. Joint sole agents: R. H. & R. W. CLUTTON, High St., East Grinstead, Sussex RH19 3DF. (Tel. (0342) 24131). and KNIGHT FRANK & RUTLEY, 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Bedford College

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

SAINT DAVID'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAMPETER

THE PRINCIPAL

THE REV. CHANCELLOR J. R. LLOYD THOMAS

is retiring on 30th September, 1975, and the College has established a Committee to find a successor.

Persons interested in the vacancy are invited to write by post later than the 14th December, 1974, to the Chairman of the Committee, the Rt. Rev. J. R. Richards, M.A., LL.D., D.D., at Saint David's University College, Lampeter, Dyfed.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Australian National University

Applications are invited for appointment to the following:

RESEARCH SCHOOL OF BIOLOGY

RESEARCH FELLOW DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

A Research Fellowship is available for research in the field of environmental biology. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in biology and a second class honours degree in another subject. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in biology and a second class honours degree in another subject.

The Open University

COURSE ASSISTANT IN GOVERNMENT

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned position. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in government and a second class honours degree in another subject. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in government and a second class honours degree in another subject.

Queen Mary College

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP**

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EXAMINATIONS OFFICER

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MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE

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THE COUNCIL OF UNDERGROUND MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned position. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in machinery and a second class honours degree in another subject. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in machinery and a second class honours degree in another subject.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ENGINEERING EMPLOYERS WEST OF ENGLAND ASSOCIATION

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned position. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in industrial relations and a second class honours degree in another subject. The successful candidate will be expected to have a first class honours degree in industrial relations and a second class honours degree in another subject.

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The main activities of the Council are:

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All these activities are directed towards the mutual benefit of Britain and the host countries.

What do we want?

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What qualifications are required?

You must be a graduate of a British university with a first or second class honours degree, or a higher degree. A degree subject or specialisation is acceptable (but the vacancies are mainly for candidates qualified in education, science, English teaching and librarianship or publishing).

In addition, you must have had several years' experience relevant to the Council's work, for example in the areas of, administration, librarianship, public service, research, science, teaching, overseas voluntary service.

You must be under 33 years of age.

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Nurses Acts, 1957 to 1969, an election of 22 members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales...

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Every nomination paper which is not received at the address given above before the hour of 12 noon on 30th January, 1975, will be invalid.

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28th November, 1974.

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THE TIMES Guide to books for Christmas



Edwich-board man—possibly "Boardy Willie"—at Coffee House Corner, Whitby.

Prepared to meet the camera and posterity

Victorian Life in Photographs
Introduction by William Sansom
(Thames & Hudson, £4.95 and £2.50)

Frank Sutcliffe: Photographer of Whitby
By Michael Hiley
(Gordon Fraser, £10)

P. H. Emerson: Photographer of Norfolk
By Peter Turner and Richard Wood
(Gordon Fraser, £8)

Victorian Life in Photographs provides a dizzy range of social incident, great variety of visual idiom, and much contrast in subjects' reactions to the camera. Stiffly arranged serpieces of social rectitude, pompous faces prepared to meet posterity (servants in an upper-middle-class household); or the unblinking regard of the homeless boys just admitted to Dr Barnardo's Home, and the utterly poised Irene Macdonald photographed in her outhouse by Lewis Carroll. Best of all are the subjects unaware of being subjects—Frank Sutcliffe is a master here, as the examples in this book reveal. Gladstone picnicking among the bracken, raises his hat astutely at the camera—or maybe waves away the gathering gnats. On the next page two jailers at Newgate half open a heavily-reinforced door, as if, rather self-consciously, to give the camera a peep inside. Familiar images—Grace going in to hat, Dickens reading to his daughters, Brunel on the Great Eastern during its construction—jostle the unexpected: the Ordnance Survey Team in Sinai, circa 1868; English ladies (gone native?) in Constantinople in 1876; dentists' advertisements on Ludgate Hill (a complete set of teeth cost one guinea).

William Sansom tries to introduce us to this visual pot-pourri. But his impressionist survey of Victorian social history—often in

rather over-upholstered prose—is far less rewarding than either Thelma Chapman's all too brief survey of the development and technique of Victorian photography or the incidental captions. These sometimes draw attention to composition and mood (as with a brilliant view of Deal Pier in 1898) or to the social niceties of children's dress and behaviour; sometimes they provide the apt historical gloss (on Listerian antiseptic methods or the "indecent" costume of Sarah Brown, which earned her three months in prison), or otherwise just leave us alone with the necessary factual details.

But this fragmentary canvas of Victorian social life, from Crystal Palace to Crinnea, is difficult to absorb. By comparison, the study of one man's career, mostly spent in and around Whitby, is extraordinarily satisfying. Michael Hiley's detailed and well written monograph gives us not only Sutcliffe's life and work, but many glimpses into Whitby's social history, about which Mr Hiley is as informative in his own way as is Sutcliffe.

Apart from an abortive attempt to establish himself as a fashionable photographer ("boudoir portraits") in Tunbridge Wells in 1875, and one marvellously exhilarating visit to Ruskin at Brantwood, Sutcliffe's art was firmly rooted in Whitby. He was forced to support himself with routine assignments—the "depressing drudgery" of funerals and residents and summer visitors who braved the heat and fumes of his converted jet shop off Flowergate, though 25 Skioner Street was later to provide more commodious premises. But his real inclinations were for landscape and seascape (it was his treatment of two trees against the sunset after rain near Rievaulx that earned him the invitation from Ruskin) and for the unstudied images of fishermen and the farmers inland.

His technical abilities apart (about which he wrote well in later life in the *Yorkshire Weekly Post*, from which much is extracted), he combined an unerring eye, human understanding and endless patience.

The famous *Water Rats* photograph—boys playing naked in boats in the harbour—was the result of ingenious and forebearing attendance on their antics until the right moment came. Excitement or *Stern Realities*, the punning title given to his image of a dozen boys leaning over the harbour wall, was similarly the result of opportunism and instinct. The photograph of these juvenile rear ends was apparently shown in France with the title, *Triste Réalité*.

But justly famous as those are, I am more taken with the pictures of fishermen beside the harbour, their womenfolk at doors or in alleyways, and the atmospheric effects of sea fog upon the town and abbey. The woman and child with hens by a barn door would have been too simple for anybody else to botch with, but for Sutcliffe it yields a rare composition and the focus of a subtle mood. That his eye is not exclusively given to these local and familiar items is attested by his portrait of Ruskin in 1873 (Sutcliffe was only 20), sitting beside an ivy-covered wall as lovingly detailed by the lens as the Master could have wished.

The second of these Gordon Fraser Photographic Monographs, on P. H. Emerson, is less well written and less entralling. This is partly because I know Norfolk only slightly, partly because his pictures are somewhat less exciting than his theories (a point the authors acknowledge); but it is also because Emerson's photographic work and the social history of his Norfolk subjects—poachers, fisherman—are treated in far less detail than Sutcliffe's.

This, from what we are given, seems a pity, for Emerson's debates with H. P. Robinson (a leading "art" photographer) and his fresh attitudes towards his work made him a crucial figure in photography's dialogue with painting. His early recognition of Alfred Steiglitz, the American photographer, also marks him, properly, among the moderns. It remains to be seen, though, who will pay £10 or £8 for these monographs, however absorbing.

John Dixon Hunt

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Nostalgia is to the forefront in paperback publishing this Christmas—perhaps we feel there is precious little to look forward to, and therefore are happier looking back to what may have been the good times.

The golden age of Edward is recalled by Nicholas Bentley in *Edwardian Albums* (Cardinal, £1.95); also hardback, Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £3.50 in a pretty sardonic commentary on some really marvellous photographs. The man always shows, it seems, on the contrary and the lower classes alike, though nobody smiled at the camera except a group of small children who didn't know any better.

Edwardians in Love, by Anita Leslie (Arrow, £1.95) is a gossipy chat on the amorous adventures of the Edwardian upper classes, including those of the Prince of Wales. She sees her characters through a rose coloured mist—today one feels slightly less kind about a party that managed to kill 1,500 head of pheasants during one shoot and the recklessly inconsiderate behaviour of Daisy, Countess of Warwick (who later attempted to blackmail the Royal Family with Edward VII's love letters) is smoothed over as "Daisy Warwick in her fabulous gowns trying so hard to make the world a happier place".

In *Jennie: the Life of Lady Randolph Churchill* (Arrow, £1.95) Anita Leslie is in the privileged position of writing as a great niece, and has amusing family stories which come over well, though she is perhaps excessively discreet in curbing the private life of a woman who cared little for convention.

Discretion could never be attributed to Ralph Martin, whose *Lady Randolph Churchill: a Biography* (Cardinal, two vols £1.40 each) leaves not a scandal, however absurd and without foundation, undisturbed. Somewhere between the two, perhaps, one might arrive

at an approximation of this fascinating woman. Next on the present, but with nostalgia still running strong, is *How We Lived Then* by Norman Longmate (Arrow £2.50) a history of everyday life during the Second World War—pigs being raised on bomb sites, gas masks, those long nights in the shelter, evacuees—it's all back again, to the Geoffrey Museum in Kingsland Road. It is my earnest hope that no fashionable restaurant will start serving mince pies.

As a companion piece, Norman Longmate has brought out *The Real Dad's Army* (Arrow, 65p). Paperbacks of the recent spate of books on Hitler will no doubt be with us for next Christmas.

To retire into the past is one refuge, and merely to open the books is to be transported into a different world—the page-crisp as the inhabitants called it, the Versailles inhabited by the incomparable diarist, the Duc de Saint-Simon. Lucy Norton's much praised edition and translation is available in a boxed set from the English Hamilton at the rather shattering price of £6.75—beautifully produced, worth every penny in sheer enjoyment.

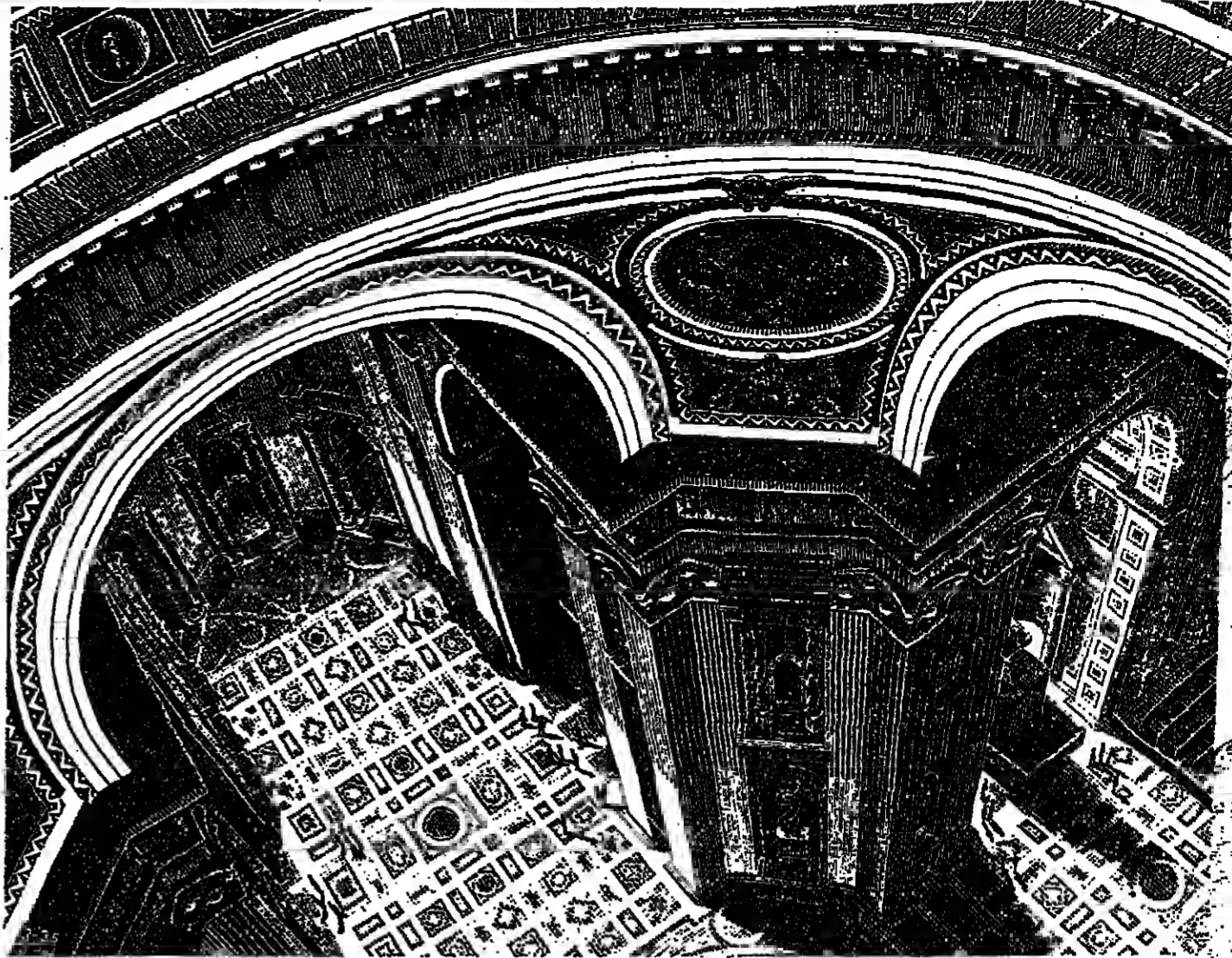
Three very different courts are portrayed in three large format paperbacks with lavish illustrations. A history of *The Romanovs* by Virginia Cowles (Penguin, £2.25) begins with the founders of the dynasty in 1613, and ends as we all know, with the tragic family and their dreadful death in Ekaterinburg.

Prince of the Renaissance: the life of Francois I by Desmond Seward (Cardinal, £2.50) is a portrait of splendid line, and ends as we all know, with the tragic family and their dreadful death in Ekaterinburg.

Marina Warner's *The Dragon Empress: Life and Times of Tzu-hsi 1835-1908* (Cardinal, £2.50) chronicles the reign of the Empress Dowager of China. "It was characteristic of Her Majesty," to experience a keen sense of enjoyment at the troubles of other people" commented one of her ladies in waiting. Ruler of four hundred million people for nearly 50 years, this is a fascinating story, and is accompanied by illustrations which far outrank in with quality and interest, the usual run of "coffee table" pictures.

The Empress of China took a great interest in Queen Victoria ("although I have heard much about Queen Victoria and read a part of her life... still I don't think her life is half as interesting and eventful as mine"). J. B. Priestley has taken, as one of his informal social histories, the years between 1850-1860 in *Victoria's Heyday* (Penguin, £2.25). As ever, Mr Priestley delights us. Mary Anne Norbury is responsible for the illustrations, which are beautiful and extremely apposite.

Nearer the present are two



A vertiginous view of St Peter's, Rome, from "The Graphic Work of M. C. Escher" (Pan/Ballantine, £1.50) introduced and explained by the artist himself with 75 illustrations, some in colour of his highly original and idiosyncratic work.

theatrical biographies—Noel by Charles Castle (Abacus, £1.50), a compilation of letters, poems, photographs, quotations from the plays forming a portrait painted with admiration and devotion. Not everyone loved him, but you would never guess it. Of *Marilyn* (Coronet, £2.50) described as a biography by Norman Mailer, it is hard not to be unfair. The pictures are absolutely wonderful, and tell us more about this beautiful, unfortunate, talented and doomed young woman that Mr Mailer's inflated prose, which leans heavily, as acknowledged, on the work of others.

On the side of fiction Penguin have brought out a boxed set, at £2.45, of the *Novels of Scott Fitzgerald* (*The Great Gatsby, Tender in the Night, This Side of Paradise, The Last Tycoon and The Beautiful and Damned*). Solzhenitsyn is well represented under two imprints—*Fontana* have a boxed set of *The Gulag Archipelago and The First Circle* (£1.60) and Penguin have *Cancer Ward, One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, August 1914, Stories and Prose Poems, The Love-Girl and the Innocent, and Solzhenitsyn: a documentary record* all for £3.10. For the crime fiction reader there is a boxed set of *Ross Macdonald from Fontana* at £2.15, featuring his detective in the Philip Marlowe tradition, the Californian Lew Archer, in *The Underground Man, The Hill, The Goodbye Look, The Doomsters, The Way*

Some People Die, The Ivory Grin.

Allen and Unwin have brought out Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings, The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers and The Return of the King*, three volumes at 75p each in a singularly hideous slip case. Odd that no artist has been able to capture the essence of Tolkien's masterpieces, and reading through *The Fantastic Kingdom* (Pan Ballantine, £1.95) we remember the artists, such as Arthur Rackham (whose drawings for *Siegfried and the Twilight of the Gods, The Ringworld* and *The Valkyrie* might start a whole new trend, Edmund Dulac, Heath Robinson and others such as Maxfield Parrish, collected together in one sumptuous picture book by David Larkin, with biographical notes by Margaret Anderson. Artists of the calibre of Duffy and Van Dongen were not too proud to provide fashion illustrations, and Martin Battersby has collected some of the most delectable, in black and white and in colour. *Archie* (Academy Editions, £3.95 and £6.95) covering the work of French designers from 1908 to 1925, a witty and amusing book.

For those who like to give something useful and improving, *The Encyclopedia of Dates and Events* edited by L. C. Pascoe (Teach Yourself Books, £1.75) is one of those no householder (or dining room) should be without, since this kind of argu-

ment invariably breaks out at meal times. Divided into four columns—History, Literature, Arts, Science—each year is given a brief entry, providing hours of browsing fodder.

Useless information ("a hailstone fell in Essen, Germany, containing a carp") may be obtained from *Would you believe it?* (Coronet, 50p), compiled by Diederik Sanders, Dick Grilling, Derek Davies and Rick Saunders. "The elephant is the only animal which has four knees" is certainly a piece of information for which we should all be grateful if incredulous.

For those who like to provide some of their own entertainment, Michael Turner's engaging pair, *The Parlour Song Book: a casquet of vocal gems and Parlor Poetry*; 101 improving gems (at £1.75 each) takes us back to nostalgia, verging into high camp in these irrelevant days, with "There's a breathless bush in the Close tonight". Arabs bidding farewell to their steeds, and dreadfully heartrending tales of orphans of both sexes. Like Oscar Wilde on the death of little Nell, one can hardly refrain from laughing. The songs include such charmers as "Love's Old Sweet Song", "Home Sweet Home", and a splendid one unknown to my called "Waste Not, Want Not". Both are beautifully produced, with biographies of the poets and notes on the songs.

The current crazes during the

year always produce a p back at Christmas time, those preoccupied with Devil and some of his could be more profitably played in reading *Bindin Devil: Exorcism Past Present* (Sheldon Press, where Roger Baker (ink sober and factual look a history of demonic possession throughout the ages assesses the light that psychology and scientific inquiry thrown on the condition.

If action is more your Paul Simmons and Felix E offer *The Easterner's Gut Kung-Fu* (Wildwood £1.95), a large book with illustrations of positions that to me to be anatomical possible, though I am still Mugging Defences feature a lady wearing ples. Very nasty. When blasted by your K lessons, you can sit *Backgammon*, by Alexis Lecky and Ted James Books, 75p) though from into the instructions almost as complete as a deadly martial art, but a mite less dangerous. If it seems to you that backs are a lot more extant last year, the any that they are only one which will make books kinds much, much more live in 1975. alas. The good old days.

Philippa To

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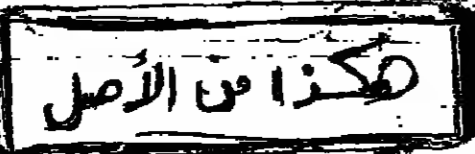
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Wilfred Owen, by Jon Stallworthy, is an enthralling biography of a hero of our time whose poems are still extremely popular—a poet's life and work seen vividly by a poet. We publish it jointly with Chatto & Windus, £6.75.

Television has introduced G. K. Chesterton's gentle detective Father Brown to millions of people this Autumn. Eighteen of the best *Father Brown* stories are in our newly-reprinted *World's Classic*, £1.50 (Kenneth More is on the cover). For guitar-learners who are looking forward to the January repeat of Ulf Goran's amusing and successful series, we have the book that goes with it—*Play Guitar*, £1.30, with a record. While talking of television we should not forget *The Pallisers*: our boxed set of Trollope's six novels, £4.50, is the handsomest and the best paperback edition.

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The New Encyclopaedia Britannica

(*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 30 volumes, £279)
The first problem: where to put it? Thirty volumes of White Imperial bound Britannica take up just over four feet of shelf space, and in our homes shelving never keeps pace with the ever-increasing number of books. Thus to the price of the Britannica (and there are more expensive bindings: up to full leather at £500) you must add something for accommodation.

We have had the new Britannica at home for three months, given over to acclimatization; it is, after all, a big leap from the one volume Penguin Encyclopaedia to the 30 volume Britannica. For most practical purposes we consult reference books to answer questions: what do the initials DDT stand for? Why are Pullman carriages so called? All we need is a straightforward answer in a few lines, which in the Britannica case comes in the Micropaedia, 10 volumes of alphabetically arranged concise entries.

Having learnt that DDT is an abbreviation of Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane—or, specifically, 1, 1, 1-Trichloro-2, 2-Bis (p-chlorophenyl) ethane—as well as what it is used for, it is used for, the Micropaedia then supplies a series of cross-references. You may, for example, wish to know DDT's relation to US animal geographic disturbance? Then turn to volume 18 which covers as part of the 19-volume Macropaedia, and there in the 40-page article on the United States of America (a further 60-page entry of the History of the USA follows) the relationship is explained. The Macropaedia has 2,000 articles of this kind as well as another 2,000 entries devoted to extensive biographical and geographical matter. This is what Britannica hopes is its "instrument of education".

There is also a curious volume called the Propaedia: Outline of Knowledge, devised to enable "the reader to carry out an orderly plan of reading in any field of knowledge or learning that he may wish to study in some depth". To me this smacks of the marketing department's influence. There is a table of contents that sounds just like copy for a door-to-door salesman: "... Table of Contents can be used to complete

a question of the form. What can I learn from Britannica about...?"

In my home I suspect that the Micropaedia will be the most consulted section of the Britannica. This is what the first volume describes as its "bunt-and-find" function. With 102,000 entries there are not going to be many occasions when it lets you down, but I do wonder whether size has come before all other criteria. There is really much point in noting under *Francis*, CLAES (1592-1644), merely that he was "Swedish lord mayor of Stockholm", but nothing else? Comparatively it is right to devote 18 lines to FLEMING, PEGGY an ice-berg skater when COMPTON, DORIS, one of the greatest right-hand batsmen "gets only eight lines? I take this to be the American influence, just as under GOONS VAN we are instructed to see FERRARUK, CAROL. But American style kept to a minimum: even *Theatre* is spelt the English way.

The new Britannica also includes photographs, drawings and maps. I approve completely of the latter two (the Rand McNally maps are models of their kind as a look at the spread devoted to the United Kingdom will testify); other map makers please follow) and the drawings, particularly when they are used to illustrate, for instance, how to tie a hitch knot, complement the text in a way that surely offer pointers for the encyclopaedias of the 1980s. But too many photographs in the Britannica seem to me to be there merely as page decorators and space fillers. While it may be helpful to show a picture of *Fribularia melleogris* in colour what possible justification can there be for printing (also in colour) a small photograph of the Texel Island coastline near DeSlufter in the Frisian Islands?

My grumbles sound like nit-picking then credit me go to this 15th edition of the Britannica for giving me so little to complain about. What a Christmas gift! My major doubt is that prospective customers will be put off by the price; its circulation to libraries and corporate buyers. Possibly a *Concise Britannica* is the answer for the future. After all in a parallel field how many of us run to the *Complete Oxford Dictionary* when for the majority of needs a *Shorter* or even the *Concise* are adequate?

Ion Trewin

Not so simple stories

The Classic Fairy Tales

By Iona and Peter Opie
(Oxford, £4.95)

Some confusion attended the publication last year of Mr and Mrs Opie's *Oxford Book of Children's Verse* because of its rather ambiguous title. Now, by adding a definitive "the" to the words "classic fairy tales" they may find themselves troubled again. In that sense, people may ask, is "The Yellow Dwarf" classic and "The Nightingale" not? Why "Rumpelstiltskin" and not "Rapunzel"? By what iron law are we to have Perrault, Grimm and Andersen, but not a word of Asbjornsen and Moe?

Such questions assume more and more the look of a parlour game as one examines *The Classic Fairy Tales* in detail. Once again, Mr and Mrs Opie are not lecturing but investigating, and the true strength of their work lies, as always, in the fresh sight that it gives of landmarks so familiar as to be taken for granted. Their purpose in reproducing the texts of the twenty-four of the best-known fairy tales as they were first printed in English is not to establish some sort of canon but to exemplify what happens when folk tales become literary tales, and to sketch the complex relation-

ships that may subsist between different versions of the same tale once the printing-press has got to work on it.

Thus it is of less moment that, say, "The Sleeping Beauty" be regarded as a classic—although of course it is—than that we see Perrault's version in the selfsame translation as our forebears did in 1729, and that we are helped first to know its parallel relationship with stories recorded by Basile and Grimm, and second to see something of its individual peculiarity. (A priceless exchange is quoted from Planche's pantomime version of 1840. The prince, having kissed the Sleeping Beauty, remarks: "You're not attended?", to which she replies: "Oh dear not at all! Aren't you the gentleman who was to call?")

Possibly the connoisseur of fairy tales will find it regrettable that Iona and Peter Opie have not been able to amplify further the commentary that accompanies their classic tales. The slightly funeral line-borders which the designer has placed round each page of text symbolize a certain restrictiveness in the book itself occasioned by a publishing compromise. For the vast bibliographical and textual knowledge of the editors has been reined in, in the interests of publishing a book of wide general appeal. Thus they have only rarely and briefly been able to evaluate

the status of a transfer against its original although they have done to clarify knotty questions the first English "Hansel and Gretel" have only been able to the hauds of future and publishers. Six although their 120 or so clons, in both line and make up an enthralling style of illustrative woodcuts to Walt Disney Victorian charm (and art nouveau), the been no room for them; cuss the swaying bulb power between text a ture.

So far as the "wide public" is concerned, th and the Oxford Univers will need no young f come from behind the h to abate the spite of th malignant. For while y noisseur may be mple connotations of Perrau Grimm, many people s till now have been a the distinction betwee stories and will have h notion of which they are. The *Classic Fairy* will prove a masterly ition, pointing the way urbane authority towa land where neither J his adventures are a simple as they seem.

Brian Al

Travelling into history

Land of the Chimaera An Archaeological Excursion in the South-West of Turkey by Sybille Haynes

(Chatto & Windus, £4.25)

"I regret that I have not had the time, and do not possess sufficient talent, to examine completely the objects here, which alone afford inducement to the man of taste to visit this country even from distant England."

Thus Captain Charles Fellows in 1838 when he first visited the ancient kingdom of Lycia in southern Turkey. Now distant is diminished, inducements to visit Turkey remain as powerful as ever, and here is one author at least with sufficient talent to examine the objects and to write about them.

Sybille Haynes and her husband, who is a Keeper at the British Museum, spent a month visiting archaeological sites in south-western Turkey, much of the journey in the footsteps of

those remarkable nineteenth century travellers, in particular Charles Fellows. Their travels begin in Caria, but the bulk of the book concerns the neighbouring kingdom of Lycia, land of the Chimaera, a fire-breathing monster which terrified the people until killed by Bellerophon who had the rather unfair advantage of a ride on Pegasus. Lycia is now a land of tombs—a gloomy subject for study you may think, but that is to underestimate not only the tombs, but Mrs Haynes herself, who writes with great charm and scholarship.

There are, besides, some fascinating vignettes of Turkish life—a circumcised party which horrified an on-looking British matron because the operation was performed by a priest rather than a surgeon, and a description of nomadic campment with all its colour and life.

Jane Taylor

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Humour

Institutions and the British joke



If a young lady is being kissed, what is her opinion of newspapers during the operation? She doesn't read any Spectators, nor Observers, but lots of Times. (Note, however, would maintain that she enjoys the entire Press.)

From Bevis Hillier's delightful "Panorama or The Best of the Worst", illustrated by Peter MacKarell (Whittington Press, Manor Farm, Andoversford, near Cheltenham, Glos, limited edition of 750 copies, £2.50).

are "Organs, strange intercourse, oral irregularity and buggery". The Baring-Gould book is preferable and even has some amusing Beardley drawings but many of his verses are as deficient in wit, as rhyme and scansion as Legman's.

I'm sorry to go on about the unkindness of these volumes, but I think you should be warned. Merely there are books around which are happily original and made me laugh a lot.

In Bechamber: The Works of J. B. Morton (Muller, £4.95), Richard Ingrams has collected a rare gallery featuring the Case of the 12 Red-Bearded Dwarfs, Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht and Mrs McGrogle of Marlene House. Impossible to do justice to a man who includes an erratum slip saying that "in my article on the Price of Milk, 'Horses' should have read 'Cows' throughout" or invents an old English custom in which the sneedbringers of Cheophaan Binney "will walk on stilts to

the Gold Cross in the Market Place, singing the eighth-century huck-song, and wearing their gilt cardboard hats". Alog with the latest P. G. Wodehouse, Aunt's Aunt's Gentlemen (Barrie & Jenkins, £2.25), it certainly gets my nomination for funniest book of the year.

There are echoes of Bechamber in Ingrams's The Best of Private Eye (Private Eye/Deutsch, £1.45), which is half the size, half the price and twice as funny as the Punch offering. I confess that I enjoy it as much for its unashamed rudeness as its actual jokes. Their parodies of the Beaton and Weugh diaries are near-perfect and I like the Special Report on Hell, too. ("The Prince of Darkness lives a surprisingly quiet and frugal life, although he has never sought heavily on his own somewhat ascetic life style on his followers.")

Jilly Cooper is one of the Private Eye targets, not as effectively lampooned as others, and she has produced Women and Super Women

(Eyre Methuen, £1.10), a slim skim through "a vanishing phenomenon in grave danger of extinction". I frequently take issue with Mrs Cooper, not least on the subject of Indian ladies who, according to her, "unravel themselves and take nude photographs in instant machines on railway stations". I should like to know more about this, but despite a number of extravagantly absurd assertions, mostly of a mildly pornographic nature, she is difficult to resist. Even those appalling puns ("most of them were their teeth fixed so they're capped women rather than kept women", "The way to Elle is paved with good intentions") become charming in spite of themselves. The Art of Spike Huddlestone (Hutchinson, £1.85) is peppered with rude remarks about journalists he describes as "mediocrities" doubtless wouldn't approve. He dislikes The Sunday Times Atticus column ("a very high standard of gibberish") and implies that the Literary Editor of this paper is illiterate. He also dislikes words used because they "look nice", and will not therefore approve of the Atticus column described a conservative bishop as "retro-trendy". His isn't a particularly funny book, being more of a diatribe against the misuse of English. He has his moments, though he would be more convincing if he wrote a better prose style himself.

As usual a number of cartoonists have compiled books: Bill Tidy's Fossdyke Sago (Wolfe, 60p) is the book of his Daily Mirror strip; Eek-Up—The Book's morning manual (Eyre Methuen, £1.50) is just that; and Tidy is also responsible for Daad Funny (Ash & Grant/Angus & Robertson, £2.25 and £1.25), a compendium of funeral cartoons and amusing epitaphs.

The fashion for producing adaptations of radio and television shows persists and for hard-line addicts there are: The Book of the Goons (Robson, £2.25), The Best of Morecombe and Wise (Woburn, £2.50), The Brand New Monty Python Paperbook (Eyre Methuen, 39p), The Irma Years (Woburn, £2.45) and The Goodies File (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £2.35). None is more than an echo of the original, though, if you are a fan perhaps echoes are enough.

Tim Heald

Reprints

Old favourites in new guises

Fiction

Here are ten reissued novels, running in date from 1893 to 1960. None is without interest, though Elinor Glyn's Three Weeks (Duckworth, £1.95) has by now only jokey freakishness to commend it. Read this throbbing gem quickly, before the overripe Edwardian boutique has time to go sour on the nostrils. ("... he gazed down at her... red mouth, muzzinous and full...")

The next four all belong to the Bodley Head's Bow Street Library, each with an introduction by Sir Hugh Greville. Three turn out to be enjoyable still, and one, Masfield's Captain Margaret (£2.50), is so good you wonder how it came to lose its hold on readers for nearly half a century. Masfield is now, I think, an undervalued writer. Certainly his novelistic gifts were considerable—clarity, strong descriptive power, and narrative urgency. Sir Hugh sees Captain Margaret as his one great novel, in which he shows that quality of passionate imagination which was his gift, with Conrad. He thinks no later Masfield novel has its overtones and subtleties, and I'd agree that Sard Harker, and other cut-and-thrust stuff of the 1920s, represents a fall-time in a way reminiscent of Borchert's Draussen vor der Tür. The book retains its haunting power, and is especially recommended to the under-45s, who know only the glossy opus of the present-day Bundesrepublik.

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A Gentleman of France is one of Weyman's best historical novels, and it can be read again with something of the old pleasure. There's a workmanlike honesty about this tale of late sixteenth century France which puts it a long way ahead of the flowery, bygone stuff produced by Weyman's contemporary, Maurice Hewitt.

In A Lunatic at Large J. Storer Clouston's take madman, with V. S. Pritchett's funny foreign English joke) as his companion, cut their late-Victorian capers once again: horseplay much as the Her Apparent Bed it. But this one I found unmemorably dated.

Francis Storer's odd, talented, and undervalued, neglected work still goes for money on The Pillar of Cloud (Maurin Brian & O'Keefe, £3) first appeared in 1948. It evoked German ruin and desolation as it was at that time in a way reminiscent of Borchert's Draussen vor der Tür. The book retains its haunting power, and is especially recommended to the under-45s, who know only the glossy opus of the present-day Bundesrepublik.

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Non-fiction

"Thou shalt not kill, but needs not strive/Officiously to keep alive." This commandment of Clough's must constantly exercise the minds of publishers. To remember or not to remember? To reissue or not to reissue?

Siegfried Sassoon's Siegfried's Journey (White Lion Publishers, £2.50) and Fitzroy Maclean's Eastern Approaches (Cape, £3.95) are two books that have never really passed out of mind. Sassoon's account of what he did and thought between the years 1916 and 1920 has kept alive, though perhaps only just—since first being issued to the world in 1946; Maclean's narrative of his Balkan adventures in World War Two first appeared in 1949, and has been much more actively on the go during its first 25 years.

Both books describe a man at war. Individual temperaments will always of course react in different ways to the soldier's life. But the difference in tone between Sassoon and Maclean is so vast as to transcend temperament. Sassoon is desperate, rebellious, haunted. Maclean is jaunty, dauntless and assured. The difference surely is the difference between the Kaiser's war and Hitler's. Both wars assuredly required a man to leave, but the first one degraded the human spirit and clouded the rightness of the cause with uncertainty.

By contrast to the second affair nobody could be in any doubt at all where his duty lay. And added to this, anybody could see that while there were risks in plenty to be run between 1939 and 1945, there was between any needless, middle-headed squandering of human life. Both books, worlds away from each other in mood, are well worth re-reading.

Harry T. Moore's life of D. H. Lawrence first appeared in 1954 under the title: "The Intelligent Heart". Over the past 20 years much fresh material for a biography of Lawrence has come to light: his letters to Louie Burrows and to Blanche Jennings for example. There has been too, for a wealth of critics to pour him, and pour him again, through their sieve and sifters.

So The Priest of Love: a life of D. H. Lawrence (Heinemann, 55p) is a revised version with a new title. In its new shape the book is as fair, balanced, and thorough an account of Lawrence as any we have. Professor Moore is appreciative always. But he successfully dissociates himself from the borders of hagiographers, and always manages to keep his side idyllic.

V. S. Pritchett's delectable London Perceived (Chatto & Windus, £2.15) first came out in 1962. Even then the book was really a graceful valedictory wave to what had been the greatest of cities. Now, 12 years on, that city teeters on the brink of becoming quite horrible. But Pritchett's prose is beautiful as always ("In no other city can one so cheerfully enjoy the accidents of the air"), and the book, an artful blend of topography, social history, literary criticism and genre-painting, stands up confidently to re-reading.

David Williams

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Brian Alderson
Strictly speaking, *The Complete Fairy Tales and Stories of Hans Andersen* are not new, but the recent translation of all 156 of them by Erik Haugard (Collanz, £5) demonstrates so well the range and subtlety of Andersen's writing that he emerges as an author newly rescued for all contemporary readers. For children especially, I cannot improve on the sage decision of the Whitbread prizegivers, and must name as outstanding both Russell Hoban's *How Tom Bear Captain Nohok and his Hired Spies* (Cape, £1.50) and Jill Paton Walsh's *The Emperor's Winding Sheet* (Macmillan, £2.10).

Myrna Blumberg
Gloriously benevolent, funny and original, Russell Hoban's adult novel *Kleinzeit* (Cape, £2.25) is the most heartening book I have read for years. His hero, Kleinzeit or Smalltime, a former advertising executive, has mysterious and absurd ailments, and his search for self and at least some moments of harmony is set mostly in a London hospital. Russell Hoban's perceptions are limitless; the surprises and vivid grace of his writing should not be missed.

A. S. Byatt
This year my reading has been dominated by the Booker Prize. In spite of this surfeit of fiction, my Book of the Year is a novel, and one which was not shortlisted - Anthony Burgess's *The Clockwork Testament*, or *Enderby's End* (Hart-Davis, MacGibbon, £1.95), the final volume in the Enderby trilogy. I found it funny, brilliant, profound and alarming, and thoroughly enjoyed reading both *The Clockwork Orange* and the other two Enderby books again.

Edward Candy
Tact generally gets a bad press; it is easily mistaken for hypocrisy. Christopher Rick's *Keats and Embarrassment* (Clarendon Press, £3.75) deals with the richly imaginative tact of that poet as he accommodates the painful ambivalence of our feelings about physical appetite. Both for his own fullness of response, and for sending us back with quickened awareness to the poems and the marvellous letters themselves, this critic puts us deeply in his debt.

Kay Dick
Among non-fiction Hilary Spurling's *Why Young* (Corgi, £1.95) is a most fascinating literary biography. Splendid, totally engrossing, written with great style, perceptiveness and shrewdness, it reveals facts behind the myth of Dame Ivy, and dramatically shows how genius enabled this devoted, often intransigent, frequently cruel woman to channel her self-knowledge into art. The fact that Mrs Spurling did not know her subject enhances her perspective without in any way depreciating the admiration held for the novel. A marvelously balanced portrait; one looks forward to volume two with intense pleasure.

Jacky Gillott
A marvellous year for women with such fine new books coming from Susan Hill, Margaret Drabble, Nadine Gordimer, Joyce Carol Oates, Iris Murdoch, Beryl Bainbridge, and Edna O'Brien that to choose is cruel, but since a strike prevented my reviewing Alison Lurie's new novel, *The War Between the Tates* (Heinemann, £2.50) when it appeared, I gladly seize this opportunity to laurel it now. Remarkable for the way she has chosen seemingly trivial domestic detail to plot the battle moves between members of a pleasant, intelligent American family, the way she has employed the domestic scene as an emblem of other, wider battles - in Vietnam, between the sexes, in the grasp for survival itself - is most remarkable skill. Her skill is exceeded only by her compassion which prevents the championing of any one cause over another but

freed her to see the pain and the comedy endured by all involved.

Ray Gosling
Radical Jack, our grandest, most grumbling Grandpa, master grump but of gumption not punditry: old J. B. Priestley made *A Visit to New Zealand* (Heinemann, £4.25). Refusing to face the crisis he dug deeper than an ostrich and took pilgrimage to the promised land of sterling virtue forever: last refuge: Zion of real British quality. There the spirit he went and his tongue in cheek and chuckling record of what happened to him among the Kiwis made for me a nice British treat of a book.

Tim Heald
Guides to the English countryside should be among the best books in the language yet too often they are characterized by self-indulgence at one extreme and prosaic pedantry at the other. Roy Christman's *Wiltshire* (Batsford, £2.50) is funny and informative, helpful and stimulating; as entertaining to the householder as it is useful in the explorer of the Erewash valley. A model of its kind and a wonderfully esoteric information.

John Higgins
Kingsley Amis gets my vote this year. He has always had a sharp eye for monsters, but he has never produced such an array of grotesques as the OAPs inhabiting Tuppeny-happenny Cottage in *Ending Up* (Jonathan Cape, £1.95). They are so dislikeable that I doubt whether even the LIE would issue them with a free pass for the buses. And they even make middle age look dangerous, which I suspect was one of Mr Amis's intentions. A pity this one didn't win the Bookie-Wockle Prize, as Marjorie Pyke (73) would have said.

Susan Hill
The Fearful Void by Geoffrey Moorhouse (Hodder, £3.50) is not merely my book of the year. It takes a place among a select band of books of a lifetime. He is not a mad mesomorph; he did not set out to cross the Sahara desert just because it was there. He wanted to look isolation, travail, and possible death in the face and know them for what they were. He did so, and his account is beautifully written, intensely moving. A story of human courage, endurance and triumph.

Richard Holmes
The historical love affair between the philosopher Abelard and his brilliant 17-year-old student Heloise occurred in 1118, but the gram story has descended through European literature with the force of universal myth. *The Letters of Abelard and Heloise* (Penguin Classics, 50p) translated, with an introduction by Betty Radice, is a collection which takes us back to the original documents - Abelard's autobiography, most personal of all medieval fragments, and the lovers' later exchange of epistles, a stilted, intensely moving struggle to the possibly divine. A beautiful, scholarly new translation and a loving commentary it has haunted me for months.

Joel Hurstfield
The White House Transcripts (Batsford, £1.25), though official and doctored, remains a rich and vivid record of what men do to power and what power does to men. It is a vastly entertaining tragi-comedy as well as a tract for the times. Every loving wife married to an ambitious husband (whatever his field of activity) should hasten to buy him a copy for Christmas before it is too late.

Tom Hutchinson
'Politics', writes Robert Heinlein, 'is the greatest game in the universe'. Viewed as reading-relaxation it is: the rival conflicts: dramatic ignition all primed. Thus I have enjoyed Muriel Spark's *The Abbess Of Crewe* (Macmillan, £2) and Boyle (Dutton, £5.25) both politically oriented. In science

fiction I opt for Heinlein and *Time Enough For Love* (New English Library, £2.25), an old master still trying new tricks. The galactic art of the impossible; even Crossman might have paled at the thought of chronicling them.

H. R. F. Keating
I have a feeling this year was a particularly good year for crime, and I could have chosen any one of certainly half a dozen books. If I pick out *The Poison Oracle* by Peter Dickinson (Hodder, £1.85), it is because though published in early March it still rises almost entire from my memory at one time of the title. Funny, suspenseful, gaspingly erudite, washed over in charm, saying something and, too, green-growing with true imagination.

Joseph McCulloch
My book of 1974 is Karl Rahner's *The Shape of the Church to Come* (SPCK, £2.25). Not everybody's book, obviously. But it deals intelligently with the only aspect of the Church which is likely to interest the general reader today. Rahner is a German Jesuit, now in retirement from university teaching at Munich. For the many who see the existing Church as having nowhere to go from here, what he has to say is well worth pondering. He disclaims the role of prophet, but he thinks with rare insight. I recommend his book to all who still want the Church to become what it must be.

Iverach McDonald
For anyone interested in Russia, P. G. Wodehouse's *Amis aren't Gentlemen* (Barrie & Jenkins, £2.25) is the perfect antidote. Bertie finds Tolstoy and Chekov vastly overrated. He dislikes books full of names ending in -sky. He distrusts girls who speak in riddles like characters out of *By Order of the Czar*. His defence of pig farmers against bureaucratic interference is devastating: 'Are we in Russia?' Bertie asks the Russian expert in an extra reason for citing his latest opus.

Jan Morris
I admired most Robin Furneaux's *William Wilber-*

force (Hamish Hamilton, £6). I have never liked Wilberforce, his style or his period. The book is long and densely argued. I read it on a Swiss lake-side balcony. Yet so beautifully was it done that I found myself emotionally engaged in all its struggles, and felt Exeter Hall to be, if anything, nearer and more real than the celestial lake before me. What more can one ask of the biographer's art?

Robert Nye
C. H. Sisson's *In the Trojan Ditch: Collected Poems & Selected Translations* (Corgi, £3.25) - not just the book of the year, but the finest collected poems for a decade. Serious, scrupulous, immediately memorable in rhythm, original in the sense that it returns us to origins, here is work which will be speaking quietly to the next century when our noisier contemporaries have been forgotten. Sisson is as good as Hardy, and as English.

Derek Parker
Readability is not the least quality of Shelley's *Pursuit* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £7.95) in which Richard Holmes not only gives us all the facts, but gets the poetry right - leaning of course to Eliot rather than Arnold, but in an extraordinary way showing one by the clarity of his own view that almost everyone from Trelawny to Harriet got bits of Shelley in focus. At last a book which replaces Newman Ivey White's formerly definitive biography.

David Piper
Stonehenge is not uncelebrated this year, but Henry Moore's lithographs on the theme, magical and mysterious, are beyond most purses at £3,500 the set. Theo Bergström's *Stonehenge* (Bergström-Boyle, 22 Maddox Street, London, W1) is a modest £1, and a gift for anyone. An idea brilliant in its simplicity, haunting in its achievement - simply to photograph Stonehenge all through a long summer's day. Night slips from its shoulders as it hovers into the dawn; in the early light it broods on its long shadows; is peopled with midday tourists; then, slowly settles back into solitude.

frames the last light and so, into the dark.

David Pryce-Jones
Olivia Manning's *The Rain Forest* (Heinemann, £2.50) enters my list unopposed. Her chosen island to the Indian Ocean is a setting which suits her perfectly, she gets it just right. Here's the real world of all manner of people, English and foreign, as ordinary and as rare as they come. The Daisy Pension, its owner and its clientele, provide high comedy - though actually the last of days is at hand here, and it may as well close absurdly.

Michael Ratcliffe
When the Prince of Wales met Wallis Simpson in 1934 he not only stopped seeing his daily companion of 15 years, the admirable Mrs Dudley Ward; he never spoke to her again. My jaw dropped half way through Frances Donaldson's *Edward VIII* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.95) and stayed that way to the end: it is the most original and disquieting biography I have read this year. Richard Holmes's *Shelley: The Pursuit* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £7.95) was the best first book, building on modern Shelley scholarship to replace definitively the sweet and languid lyricist of anthologies with an altogether more public, unlovely and terrified phenomenon. David Robiu Watson's *Clemenceau* (Eyre, Methuen, £3.50) moved me more than any book I have read about France for a long time - I hope there will be a paperback - and the most gripping hook on politicians was *The Governing Passion* by A. B. Cooke and John Vincent (Barrister Press, £7.60) in which the showing and pushing behind the Home Rule crisis of 1885-86 was both better documented and more entertaining than similar events in *The Pollisers or Jennie*. There was no good news this year, but from Gore Vidal all gossip is new and there were unmeasured amounts of the stuff in his enormously enjoyable and quite scandalous novel about the Founding Fathers of America, *Burr* (Heinemann, £2.75).

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Paul Scott
My impression is that it's been a good year, the rifts well loaded; so I'm more worried



From "Stonehenge", David Piper's choice as book of the year.

tho usual by the thought of a the books I should have read but haven't. Even in this limited field I have to mention two, because for me it's a photo-finish: between Margaret Drabble's calm and lucid life of Arno Bennett (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.95) and Lawrence Durrell's vigorous and inventive nov *Monsieur*, or *The Prince Darkness* (Faber, £2.75).

Paul Theroux
I reviewed 48 books this year and I keep saying I do it for John Cheever's *The World Apples* (Cape, £2.25) was tremely funny, and so was Pe De Vries's *The Glory of Hummingbird*, which came in America. The best I reviewed was Nadine Gordimer's *The Conservationist* (Cape, £2.75), lyrical tragedy set on a Se African farm.

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David Williams
In a not particularly year Gore Vidal's novel (Heinemann, £2.75) also a perfectly plummed-out. An historical novel? A moded costume-piece? A trick revolutionary stood for a while of Washington and who might been third President in Jefferson? Yes, all o But it's told with beautiful adroitness. There's vitality in the character (a whole gallery of averagely corrupt, founding fathers comes nod hindsight operates fully that 1784 and it made in stand disqu together as parts of a pr

Philip Ziegler
For me *Uncommon Entr Edward Blisken* (The Hudson, £2.50) - the aud periences as a pret schol master and ym endearingly inadequate roles. The scenes in t Hampstead academy coloreded his bungling are harrowing and funny - almost as funny, as *Decline and Fall*, as realistic. Mr Blisken like an angel and even nobody can really ha quite so over-sensitive, lessy well-intentioned, joices at every instant recollected agonies. A masterpiece.

SIR RICHARD BURTON: THE KASIDAH of Haji Abdu El-Yezdi

One of the most interesting works of Western Sufic literature composed by the famous Victorian traveller and scholar, 1853 on his return journey from Mecca. "This book is the more extraordinary the more you study The Guardian.

IDRIES SHAH: THE ELEPHANT IN THE DARK

This book deals with the interplay of Christianity and Islam, the Sufi conception of surrender to God. The materials on in Idries Shah's work as a Visiting Professor at Geneva University (Switzerland) 1972/73. "aims at redressing balances: and to say what we have common, on what we can build." *New Society*. "seems to suggest that the time is ripe for true ecumenical Evening News.

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From Michael Joseph a selection of Christmas bestsellers

Spike Milligan Dip, The Puppy
A delightful fairy story about a dog who lost his bark.

Justin Kaplan Mark Twain and his World
A marvellous study of the man and his times.

Margaret Powell Common Sense
A brilliant and witty study of the human condition.

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Lovely presents for lovely people

In Italy, by Roloff Beny (Thames & Hudson, £15). Beny writes (fortunately not at length) like a gushing grande dame, but the absolute grandeur of his photography is the genuine thing, born of patience, hard work and a poetic curiosity. In Italy is unusual in giving as much attention to Sicily, Sardinia and such obscure provinces as Campobasso and Teramo, as to the great treasures of Rome and the North: even travellers familiar with Italy will delight in scenes they believed unique to themselves, while all will look on Milan Cathedral, Isola Bella and San Geminiano as Beny does, with new eyes. Anthony Thwaites and Peter Porter edit an accompanying anthology of Italophiles (Byron, Goethe) Italophobes (Thomas Nashe) and Italians (Virgil, Leonardo, D'Annunzio) and contribute well-informed and sensible surveys of each region. Gore Vidal, recovering his embarrassment at appearing in Fellini's Roma, steps nicely round all the clichés at the end. Pure luxury on posh paper, if that's what you're after.

Grandma Moses, by Otto Kallir (New English Library, £15). Anna Mary Robertson Moses began her late 70s (when housework began to get too much for her) and continued until her death at the age of 101. The author knew her well, and traces her career from the early, embroidered pictures to her fame as "Grandma Moses" and the international exhibitions of her work. 135 colour reproductions of her enchanting pictures, and a catalogue of her work (more than 1,500 paintings) with thumb-sized illustrations.

Frederic Remington, by Peter Hassrick (New English Library, £12.50). The essence of American frontier life was caught by Frederic Remington, and Peter Hassrick, Curator of the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, gives an account of his life and provides a critical assessment of his work. 94 illustrations—60 in full colour—of the drawings, paintings and sculptures, all hurrying with life.

Life in the Middle Ages, by Roger Delort (Phaidon, £12.95). Tremendously lively illustrations give a sense of vitality, from dress to cooking pots, from medieval warfare to cock-fighting and love. It is interesting to note how much of the Middle Ages remains as a legacy to our own life in the shape of our towns and buildings. The lavish illustrations in colour and black and white are a storehouse of delights.

The Flowering of American Folk Art, 1776-1876 by Jean Lipman, Alice Winchester (Thames & Hudson, £6). The native tradition of early American art had a simple descent from craft rather than fine art, and the authors have selected 400 items

of painting, drawing, needlework, sculpture, and decorative household objects. Patchwork quilts, pie crimpers made of whale ivory, barn decorations provide a note of gaiety and fantasy in a collection of outstanding interest.

Bird Life, by Jürgen Nicolai (Thames & Hudson, £10.50). Konrad Lorenz, in his thoughtful introduction, reminds us "that a large proportion, one is tempted to say all, of the discoveries on which modern behavioural research is based were made with birds". Thus the clutch of bird books including The Mitchell Beazley World Atlas of Birds (£10.95) and The Dictionary of Birds in Colour, by Bruce Campbell (Michael Joseph, £6). Jürgen Nicolai supplies a primer, moving from evolution through courtship and self-defence to great migrations. The colour pictures are full of originality. The Mitchell Beazley offering is very much in the style they have made their own and looks at more than 500 species in considerable detail. Bruce Campbell's dictionary is straightforward: pictures then admirably concise text on just about every bird you are likely to meet.

Flight Through the Ages, by C. E. Gibbs-Smith (Harr-Davis, MacGibbon, £7.50). Fully lived up to its sub-title, "a complete illustrated chronology from the dreams of early history to the age of space exploration". In mythology King Kai Kawus of Persia (c. 1500 BC) had an eagle-borne chariot; rather later in 1784, Thibaud de Saint-Andre produced a flying cloak; and a century on birds were the inspiration of an eccentric looking glider built by Jean-Marie Le Bris. The ingenuity of pre-flight is well illustrated, and has been seen to be believed: more recent shapes are all too familiar, but at least this book is without their roar, boom and whine.

The Mighty Continent, by John Terraine (BBC/Hutchinson, £5.95). For a one-volume view of Europe in the twentieth century this is hard to beat, not least because the text and pictures are complementary. Terraine asks that it be called "television history" rather than the "book of the film". Certainly, the evidence of the first episodes of the television series is superior, mainly because this is the essence of Terraine, always readable and erudite, without those unnecessary television appearances by Peter Usinow.

Period Houses and Their Details, edited by Colin Amery (Architectural Press, £3.95). If you appreciate mainly the exterior, doorways, gateways, ironwork, interiors, chimney-pieces and staircases shown by photographs and drawings then this is a book to droll over. It stems from a sternly titled

A thirteenth-century model of the church of Maria Laach, Germany, in the hands of its founder, from The Monastic World, by Christopher Brooke, photographs by Wim Swaan (Elek, £13.50 until December 31, £15 thereafter). The rich variety of medieval religion has been drawn upon by the two authors of this beautiful book, an exploration into monasticism from its earliest days into its development as a great and traditional ritual providing a setting for community life. "All that lies beyond 1300 must be for us an epilogue, a coda" is the opinion of Professor Brooke, while allowing a brief foray into monasticism after 1500, but the tribute in words and images to its flowering is a superb achievement.

series, "The Practical Exemplar of Architecture", which appeared in The Architectural Review from 1906 until the twenties. Most impressive are the most unlikely examples, such as a glebeian frontage, now demolished, at 164a Grand. This is the first of a series that will branch out among different periods.

A History of Jewels, by J. Anderson Black (Oxibs/New English Library, £9.50). Despite an introduction by Edward Loe-Smith that deserves to be quoted at length in Private Eye's "Pseudo's Corner", this is a magnificently decorated, wondrously arranged chronologically. The text peels next to the illustrations, which include an archaic, inducing section on royal regalia (see the eleventh century Moomoozh Cap, made for Vladimir II Monomakh Grand Duke of Kiev, with fur around the rim) and a helpful glossary

on precious stones. Might just be acceptable as a substitute for the real thing.

Rupert Brooke: Four Poems (The Scolar Press, £12). Four famous poems by Brooke, "The Fish" (1911), "Granchester" (1912), "The Dead" (1914) and "The Soldier" (1914) are here reproduced in facsimiles of manuscripts drafts and workings, in a handsome volume edited and introduced by Sir Geoffrey Keynes. His notes are worth baving for their intrinsic merit as literary explanation, and because it is remarkable that, 60 years on, there is still a friend of Brooke's able to bring him before us as vividly as he struck his immediate time. The facsimiles attain a high standard of fidelity, and should prove useful to students wishing to pay attention to an author's first thoughts, while at the same time preserving the fragile originals. "The

Soldier", for example, is on sheets of paper headed Hood Battalion, 2nd Naval Brigade, Blandford, Dorset. From the evidence presented here, Brooke wrote with greater facility than, say, Wilfred Owen or Dylan Thomas—his manuscripts are not palimpsests of a constantly changing mind.

The House Book, by Terence Conran (Mitchell Beazley, £10.95). The essence of the 1970s style begins with the brick patterned slip cover of the book that Terence Conran and 27 collaborators have produced. There is everything you could want on the house, from buying it to improving it, furnishing and decorating it, doing it yourself (if of course you can do it!) the book says encouragingly) with a glossary, index, and hundreds of colour photographs with ideas and plans to set everyone building houses-in-the-air, down to the very doorhandles.

A year of books

... title by title résumé of the best of 1974's often-mentioned elsewhere in...
... and Profane Love by Iris Murdoch (Chatto, £3.95).
... Who Invented the Bubble and Galileo (Heinemann, £2.95).
... Symphony, by Anthony Ape, £3.25.
... by Stanley Middleton, £2.75.
... the Garden, by Colin Harr-Davis, MacGibbon, £2.95.
... Miles to Babylon, by Johnston (Hamish Hamilton, £2.50).
... by Penelope Allen Lane, £2.50).
... the Body, by Simon and Briggs, £2.75).
... Jon of Mrs Fendlerbury, by Porter (Secker and Warburg, £2.95).
... Richard Adams (Allen Collins, £3.95).
... slings, by David Cook and Warburg, £2.95).
... Place, by Laurens van Logarithm, £2.75).
... Tower, by John Pe, £2.50).
... Well Beauty, by V. S. Chato, £3).
... by Paul Throux and Smith, £2.75).
... by C. P. Snow, £2.75).
... by J. I. M. Stewart, £2.80).

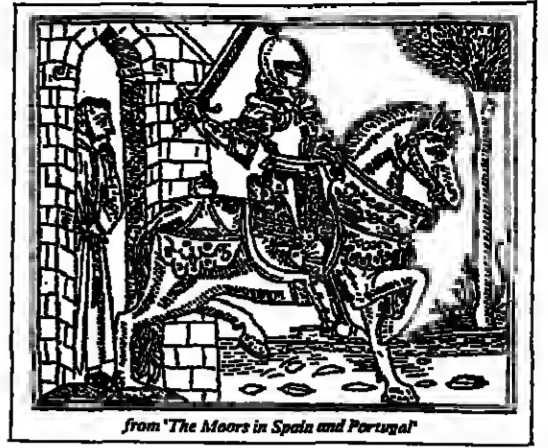
Something Happened, by Joseph Keller (Cape, £3.95).
Blood Red, Sister Rose, by Thomas Kenally (Collins, £3).
CRIME FICTION
Flash Point, by Michael Gilbert (Hodder & Stoughton, £2.40).
The Grosvenor Square Goodbye, by Francis Clifford (Hodder, £2.40).
Mistnet and the Gangsters, by Vincent (Hamish Hamilton, £2.10).
The Magician, by Simonon (Hamish Hamilton, £2.25).
The Mask of Memory, by Victor Canning (Heinemann, £2.90).
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, by John le Carré (Hodder, £2.95).
Black as He's Painted, by Ngaim Marsh (Collins, £2).
Spy Story, by Len Deighton (Cape, £2.75).
Knock Down, by Dick Francis (Michael Joseph, £2.50).
BIOGRAPHY
Elizabeth I, by Paul Johnson (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.95).
Naughty Gregory, by Tom Cullen (Bodley Head, £2.75).
Hankey, Man of Secrets, vol three, by Stephen Roskill (Collins, £5.50).
Waiting for the Party: the Life of Francis Hodgson Burnett, by Aon Thwaite (Secker & Warburg, £3.50).
William Wilberforce, by Robin Furneaux (Hamish Hamilton, £5).
Hitler, by Joachim C. Fest (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.25).
De Gaulle, vol two, by Brian Crozier (Eyre Methuen, £5).
The Born Exile: George Gissing, by Gillian Tindall (Temple Smith, £4.95).
Fisher of Kilverstone, by Ruddock F. Mackay (Clarendon, £5).

Lord Esther, by Peter Fraser (Harr-Davis, MacGibbon, £4.45).
"Swaff": The Life and Adventures of Samuel Swaff, by Tom Driberg (Macdonald & Jane's, £3.95).
Mähler: vol one, by Henry-Louis de la Grange (Gollancz, £7.50).
Gustav Mahler, by Kurt Blankoph (Allen Lane, £3.50).
Stalin, by Ronald Hingley (Hutchinson, £5.85).
Stalin, by Adam M. Ulam (Allen Lane, £5.50).
Stalin as Revolutionary, 1879-1929, by Robert C. Tucker (Chatto, £4.75).
Stanley: An Adventurer Explored, by Richard Hall (Collins, £4.50).
Louis and Antoinette, by Vincent Cronin (Collins, £4.75).
Garibaldi, by Jasper Ridley (Constable, £7.50).
Nine Men of Power, by Roy Jenkins (Hamish Hamilton, £4.75).
Faulkner, by Joseph Blotner, two vols (Chatto, £12).
Wilfred Owen, by Jon Stallworthy (Oxford/Chatto, £5.75).
Peter Fleming, by Duff Hart-Davis (Cape, £6).
Shakespeare, by Georgina Battiscombe (Constable, £5.25).
The Reich-Marshall: a biography of Hermann Goering, by Leonard Moxley (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.55).
Tolstoy, by Edward Crankshaw (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.75).
On Wings of Song, a biography of Felix Mendelssohn, by Wilfred Bhut (Hamish Hamilton, £5.50).
The Life and Death of Mary Wollstonecraft, by Claire Tomalin (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.75).
Ottoline at Garsington, edited by Robert Gathorne-Hardy (Faber, £4.95).

Peppy, by Richard O'Bar (Hodder, £3.95).
Diary of Samuel Peppy, volume eight, edited by R. C. Latham and W. Matthews (Bell, £6).
Lord Rochester's Monkey, by Graham Greene (Bodley Head, £5).
Augustus John: the Years of Innocence, by Michael Holroyd (Heinemann, £5.75).
The Art of Augustus John, by Michael Easton and Michael Holroyd (Secker & Warburg, £8.75).
Edd Bylton: a biography, by Barbara Stoney (Hodder & Stoughton, £2.95).
Louis and Victoria: the First Monarchs, by Richard Hough (Hutchinson, £5.50).
Aldous Huxley, vol two, 1933-63, by Sybil Bedford (Chatto/Collins, £4.50).
Swinnerton: the Portrait of a Poet, by Philip Henderson (Routledge, £4.95).
Malcolm Lowry, by Douglas Day (Oxford, £5).
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An Appalling Talent: Ken Russell, by John Baxter (Michael Joseph, £4).
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Clive of India, by Mark Bennet (Constable, £3.95).
Alexander I, by Alan Palmer (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £4.95).
Gertrude Stein and Company, by James R. Mellow (Phaidon, £3.90).
CRITICISM
The Pattern of Mangham, by

Anthony Curtis (Hamish Hamilton, £3.50).
Kents and Embarrassment, by Christopher Rickars (Oxford, £3.75).
MILITARY
The Thin Yellow Line, by William Moore (Leo Cooper, £3.95).
A Bridge Too Far, by Cornelius Ryan (Hamish Hamilton, £3.95).
The Ultra Secret, by F. W. Winterbotham (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.25).
ENVIRONMENT
The Coming of Post-Industrial Society, by Daniel Bell (Heinemann, £5.50).
1650-1964, by F. M. L. Thompson (Routledge, £7.50).
The Buildings of England, edited by Nikolaus Pevsner, Staffordshire (Penguin, £3.50).
Oxfordshire (Penguin, £3).
Angels, Manchester and the Working Class, by Steven Marcus (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.25).
MEMOIRS, LETTERS
Times to Remember, by Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy (Collins, £4.95).
Fenimore, by Lillian Hellman (Macmillan, £3.50).
Behind the Scenes, by Lord Hill (Sidgwick & Jackson, £5.50).
Khrushchev Remembers, edited by Strobe Talbot (Deutsch, £4.95).
The Enchanted Places, by Christopher Hill (Eyre Methuen, £3.50).
Memoirs of a City Radical, by Nicholas Davenport (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.50).
Another Part of the Wood, by Kenneth Clark (Murray, £4.75).
Living Twice, by C. H. Rolph (Gollancz, £4).
Letters of Anton Chekhov, edited

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By Henry Pleasants
(Gollancz, £3.75)

actually knew Bix. His brother was a top jazz drummer the time, and Ralph, as a singer, saw a lot of Bix remembers considerably than he saw, though, an book is a romanticised, pious, rambling dossier, c with ill-digested culture sexual extravaganza. D which I enjoyed it ere ously: full of energy atmosphere, it's one of th picturesque novels around.

The Ellington book been a disappointment those expecting revelation inside information, but I it is all in keeping with known character. In his gave very little away in views, always spreading ing "No comment" in fi his life. Posthumously pulled the same trick written several hundred of bland secrecy, which is one up to him.

If the Glenn Miller, also a disappointment, th much Miller's fault as S The homework is dilige if the style is wooden, I trouble with the book ally that Miller was than life. Not an easy know or even to want t he was a disciplinarian tious, punctilious and so humourless. The music after him like a timeles rifully tailored suit, a price of the book w better invested in his With Charlie Parker t lem is reversed, he wa than life, a genius and ic with a boundless I impossible for one ma up, which is why Reis been wise to reprint a of interviews with peo knew him; the result, f ing the reports of a h day after day, are s shifting and fascinat.

If W. H. Allen and did not exist, this wou slimmest of reviews, but entry from Gollancz is ways the most int Pleasants has writen essays on a score of from Jolson to Pres though the book is frei good anecdotes and history. It works a because he talks about musicians.

A seasoned opera knows about the voice he pinpoints each singe registers is ear-opening; also knows that Ameri singing is a compl ferent tradition from reading it singing—and not inferior. I have a deal spot for the convention of classica secretly preferring th the natural approach Afro-American singe reading Mr Pleasants' no longer have an l complex about it. H says straight out th Sinatra is a great s makes you believe it.



Director Blake Edwards aims pie at Natalie Wood in "The Great Race"—from "The Platinum Years", reviewed below.

Rags to riches to rags

Authors of showbiz books (a fruitful and apparently ever-multiplying brigade of journalists, actors, directors, song-writers, tele-anbormen and others) divide roughly into two groups: those who can tell stories and those who can't. The ability doesn't often have much to do with individual talent, and for a rule of thumb it's fair to assume that the bigger the name on the cover, the worse the book.

Bryan Forbes, however, in *Notes For A Life* (Collins, £4) can—and does—tell a good story or more specifically a couple of dozen: Alan Ladd shaving in the middle of the night, triggered like one of Pavlov's dogs by an inadvertent crash of crockery into thinking it must be time to bid her a solemn and audible good afternoon. Mr Forbes's hook doesn't, regrettably, cover his two crisis-ridden years at EMI, but it does tell the rest of his life story thus far in admirably laudatory style.

Another good storyteller is Anita Loos in *Kiss Hollywood Goodbye* (W. H. Allen, £2.95) who reckons that "gentlemen no longer prefer blondes... more and more do gentlemen

prefer gentlemen"; she manages however to look back in bemused affection at a larcenous husband and a whole lost world of Hollywood romance for which she was in the 1920s both screenwriter and chronicler. Reading her now, one suddenly realizes that Lorelei Lee was only participation in the wide-eyed innocence and wicked accuracy of the now octogenarian Miss Loos, Lorelei lives.

For Jessie Matthews camp-followers, not one but two life stories, *Over My Shoulder* (W. H. Allen, £3.50) and *Jessie Matthews* (Hart-Davis, MacGibbon, £3.50), the former an autobiography, the latter a biography by Michael Thornton. Set side by side they throw up some remarkable variants and for accuracy I am inclined to favour Mr Thornton: according to Miss Matthews (whose book is admittedly "as told to Muriel Burgess") Robert Young is dead, which will doubtless surprise the makers of his current television series, and in 1942 she (Miss Matthews) was replaced on Broadway by Mitzie Gynor, who would have been very nearly 14 at the time. But for sheer guts, not to mention the old showbusiness heartbreak routine of rags to riches to rags, Miss Matthews's own book has the edge every time. She regards herself, perhaps rightly, as a remarkable human tragedy; Mr Thornton regards her as an

interesting case history and that is what separates the two books. Another double, *The Gershwin Years* (Robson, £6.95) and *The Gershwins* (Cape, £9.50) has involved four authors—Edward Jablonski and Laurence Stewart for Robson, Robert Kimball and Alfred Simon for Cape—in a marathon quest for George and Ira. The Cape version is the more obviously coffee-table-oriented, helonging as it does to the mentality if not the series that brought you Cole and Tallulah and is doubtless soon to go on to Jerome and even perhaps Richard and Oscar. Kimball and Simon offer a scrapbook, superbly compiled and edited and arranged, where Jablonski and Stewart offer a book—that is to say fewer illustrations but a stronger and more closely integrated text.

Theatrical nostalgia is taken care of this year by Eric Johns in *Dames of the Theatre* (W. H. Allen, £3.95) who manages to get through 16 theatrical careers in rather less than 200 pages (a feat which should soon qualify him for Christmas book reviewing) and by Richard Rose in *Perchance to Dream* (Leslie Frewin, £4.95) who manages to tell the story of his friendship and partnership with Ivor Novello in the Thirties without for a moment suggesting that Novello was any more lifelike than the Ruritanian princes he forever portrayed.

And so to the cinema, where

there is yet another double: *Cinefantastic* by David Annan (Lorrimer, £1.75) and *Movie Magic* by John Brosnan (Macdonald, £3.95), both concerned with special effects on the wide screen. As so often when doubles of this kind occur, one wishes that the authors could have met before publication—Annan's stills and Brosnan's text would have made up the definitive book on a still curiously underexplored subject.

Talking of underexplored subjects, there is at last a good book on David Lean, *David Lean and His Films* by Alan Silver and James Ursini (Leslie Frewin, £5.50), tracing his career from the early Dickensian days through 30 years to *Ryan's Daughter*. Meanwhile, screencredit fanatics may like to know that James Robert Parish has indexed the careers of each and every one of the long-term contract artists at MCM, *The MGM Stock Company* (Ian Allan, £4.95) and RKO, *The RKO Gals* (Ian Allan, £5.25); it is now in my view arguable that the inhabitants of Hollywood circa 1935 are the best-documented sociological group of all time.

It is also now possible to run through entire films at home without benefit of a projector: Macmillan/Picador have come up with a series (£4.50 and £1.95) in which still frames are matched to dialogue shot for shot and line for line: the first

two titles are *Frankenstein and The Maltese Falcon*.

Elsewhere Gene Kelly and John Wayne are loyally tabulated in *Gene Kelly* by Clive Hirschhorn, and *John Wayne* by Maurice Zolotow (both W. H. Allen, £3.50).

One cannot leave the cinema, especially in the wake of John Kobal's current exhibition at the V & A, without noting the arrival of *The Platinum Years* (Studio Vista, £6.95), a sizable and colour-filled tribute to still photography reflecting the work of one single cameraman, Bob Willoughby, whose Hollywood years were in fact postwar. His stills, all taken on and around sets during shooting, read softly on our celluloid dreams of that Bogart/Dean/Taylor era and are linked by an efficient text from Richard Schickel.

But the growth industry for bookshops is clearly television

—Phil Silvers in *The Man Who Was Bilko* (W. H. Allen, £3.50), Michael Aspel in *Polly Wants a Zebra* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £2.95), *Pat Phoenix in All My Burning Bridges* (Arlington Books, £2.75) and Jimmy Savile in *As It Happens* (Barrie & Jenkins, £1.95). All the autobiographies are newly published and at any moment I fully expect "Great Moments From the BBC Weather Forecasts" by Jack Scott.

Finally, *Stones Touring Party* by Robert Greenfield (Michael Joseph, £3) is a blow-by-blow account of the Rolling Stones' last major American tour—a kind of rock odyssey, graphically recounted in terms which make one wonder why, of all show-business fields, only pop seems to be covered by its authors in such breathtaking candour.

Sheridan Morley

A splendid theatrical gossip

Theatre Bedside Book
An Anthology of the Stage
Edited by J. C. Trewin
(David & Charles, £5.50)

Theatre '74
Edited by Sheridan Morley
(Hutchinson, £4.50)

To be a good anthologist is not only to be able to recognize an amusing anecdote, a piece of good writing, an unrecognized gem, but to walk where one may come across them. J. C. Trewin, apart from his own criticism, has been a life-long snapper-up of books and essays on theatre published over the past couple of centuries or so, and in his anthology introduces us to various writers that only a determined browser will recognize: Thomas Rymer ("the worst critic that ever lived," Macaulay thought); Tate Wilkinson, gossiping provincial actor; William Robson, a somewhat garrulous but pithy nineteenth century playgoer.

Then there are the set-pieces: vivid sketches of great actors in performance (Hazlitt on Mrs Siddons's Lady Mac-

beth, Leigh Hunt on Kean's Timon, Dickens on Macready and T. C. Worsley on Gielgud). And actors themselves, in their agonies and ecstasies, as in the case of Mr Williams "for distressing him by being imperfect as Iago," and Macready, cross with another actor, "a little dull boy... and fined myself half-a-crown, which I paid him for my ill-behaviour." Kean in some ways dominates the book, as he dominated so many audiences, so that they left the theatre with the vaguely distraught air of kittens that had seen visions.

J. C. Trewin has always followed the advice of C. E. Montague: "To make people like a thing you must delight in it first"—and his book is like a splendid evening's gossip with someone who loves the theatre and knows as much about it as anyone; no, not like that is what the book is.

Theatre '74 does for the past 12 months what Mr Trewin does for the past 367 years. There are certain pre-requisites for a theatre annual on a reference section (presumably

for economic reasons, selective and without full cast-lists, but adequate for amateur purposes), and there are critical surveys of the ups and downs of the year.

But Mr Morley provides flesh as well as bone, so we have a survey of the economics of 1974 theatre, all the difficulties wildly exacerbated even before the piece was in print), we have Bernard Miles, in an ill-considered and ill-tempered piece, still banging the critics about the head with a broken bladder; Nigel Firth dismissing modern Shakespearean production in favour (if I understand him) of the old to the standards of the good old Elizabethan Stage Society; a delicious sketch of the late Robert Atkins by Richard August; an extract from Ian McKellan's diary; a definitive survey of the work of Stephen Sondheim.

In short, nobody with the faintest interest in theatre would be in the least distressed by the holes made in a moderate-sized stocking by either of these books.

Derek Parker

Films

The master craftsman

My Life and My Films
By Jean Renoir
Translated by Norman Denny
(Collins, £4)

Jean Renoir
By André Bazin
Edited, with an introduction by Francois Truffaut
(W. H. Allen, £4.50)

"Renoir," said Darryl Zanuck, "has a lot of talent, but he's not one of us." "The history of the cinema, above all of the French cinema during the past half century," writes Renoir himself, "may be summarized as the war of the film-maker against the industry." Not until Renoir's own artistic autobiography appeared was it apparent what odds his career had been conducted, or the extent to which the creation of one of the few truly great artists produced by the cinema has been a matter of hazard—depending on unexpected patronage, the possibility of selling off the loved paintings he had inherited from his father, the whim of a producer in deciding not to sack him after all. It was perhaps worse in America (though even there he managed to make *The Southerner*, *Diary of a Chambermaid*, *Woman on the Beach*) than in France; but only marginally.

I could have made at least a dozen more films, given the chance," he says; and com-

plaints that "at the age of 75, I had to abandon a career which, to my mind, was only just beginning."

Renoir's biography really is the man. He ruminates on his past, on his artistic heritage from his father, and on his craft—which the business of making films has very largely appeared to him: like Auguste, he mistrusts intellectuals and the higher pretensions of art (after all he began his career as a potter). He is fascinated by every aspect of film-making, and has been an innovator in photographic techniques, the exploitation of new lenses and film stocks, the use of sound, of colour, of camera handling, a pioneer in the revolution against traditional post-Griffith montage techniques, and of Neo-realism. But everything is a tool to his hands, to be handled with the unselfconscious skill of the master craftsman. What matters is "my greatest aspiration, the discovery of magical elements in the most commonplace circumstances and settings."

More and more as you read his reminiscences you recognize that Renoir's genius has as its base a moral quality rather than any aspiration that could in the strictest sense be styled "artistic." This gentle, good man—cowardly by his own admission, constantly fascinated, puzzled and delighted by the world around him and the people he meets in it fixed in his magnanimous

theory that finally there are no horizontal divisions of race and nationality between men, but only the vertical divisions, or rather linkages of culture and character, an skill—rather a grandeur of love and generosity and comprehension that is the true connexion within his oeuvre.

The entire work of Jean Renoir is an ethic of sensuality; not the ethic of admiration of an anarchic rule of the senses, or of an unrestrained hedonism, but the assurance that all beauty, all wisdom, and even all intelligence live only through the testimony of the senses. To understand the world is above all to know how to look at it; to make it abandon itself to your love under the caress of your eye, concludes André Bazin.

Bazin too, as one of the greatest critics of the cinema, possessed beyond his intellectual and analytical gifts the same ability as Renoir simply to love: it comes out most passionately whenever "as he invariably does throughout his critical survey of his idol) he returns to the miraculous *Régie du Jeu*. The Bazin book is a remarkable joint tribute to the two men—edited by Bazin's protégé and Renoir's most fervent admirer, Francois Truffaut, and with the commentary which Bazin left uncompleted at his early death filled out with contributions by men like Rohmer and Godard, artistic children of both artists.

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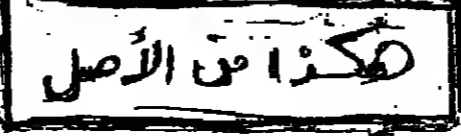
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Food and Wine

A stimulant to gluttony and the art of elegant eating

One merely requires information, which is easy enough to come by in cookery books. I think, be suggestive of interest in many aspects of food apart from what we have for dinner. It is this quality that Jane Grigson probes most during the last emergence of her new book, Food (Macmillan, 1974), a fun, a feeling for history, a readable style and a simple, unaffected...

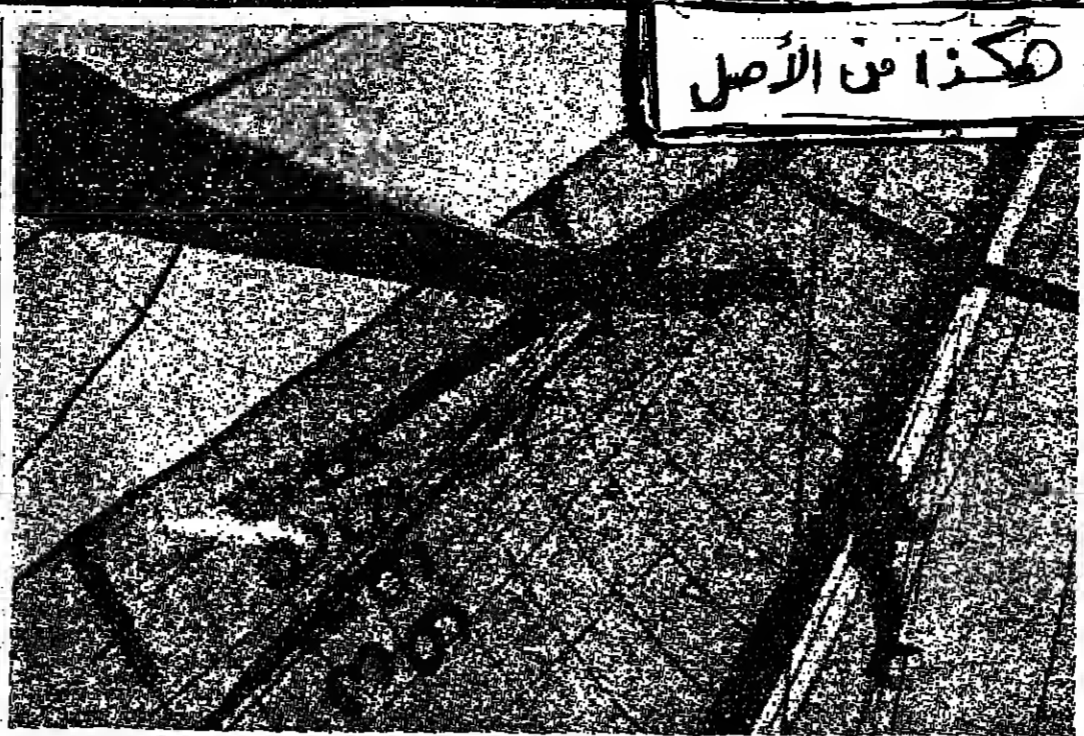
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Meg Dod's Usquebach—From "Victorian Cups and Punches and Other Concoctions" (Cassell, £2).

There are other English food, some on Mrs. Grigson has more than 100 recipes from the East (a Chinese Yorkshire, lamb stuffed meat), to a re-stated national delights (steak, oyster pie, Sussex kidge) all being to be constantly informative. Introduction, Jane Grigson, who has been a cookery writer for 20 years (in contrast each male chef) and 'classical' tradition is Mrs. C. F. Level was a writer and her exotic gives dash and flavour to her 'The Gentle Art of Writen with Miss Olga has been revised and in its original (1925) David leads her blase-enthusiastic preamble. k for the oovce, cer- ppe which gives much d fresh thoughts. A ction of recipes from a Nights is a delicious from the aspics and Mrs Level's England. the most original of id batch in Arabella ntr Cookbook (Wei- Nicolsoo, £3.25). For us, eating less meat come a political and well as financial. The alternatives id fascinating: vege- mes at you George ur heavy or macro- ly. So I welcome this kind of first-class, at reveal the range, d elegance of vege- y. Lady Arabella is ively vegetarian; ock is used, and a sometimes appears r for flavour. There y on pastry, breads es, on rice and cous- p. eggs. The sads rumpoused and hav- If in this household he book arrived. ut to see the point eptate Hostess (Elm y, since it can only istorians who wish bat night club food the 1920s. It was ushino himself and, age's had a wood- n. The recipes are us, often leaving weights and times mayonnaise fails to e oil). A simpering y Barbara Cart- p. and techniques London establish- realed in Clubland

countries, but I feel that £5.95 is well spent on Kenneth Lo's The Chinese Cookery Encyclopedia (Collins) which is well illustrated, accessible and has breadth. The Best of Italian Cooking, by Waverley Root (Andre Deutsch, £4.95) is an attractive glossy, and Italian Desserts and Pastries, by Leone Bosi (Lutterworth, £3.95) is full of luscious rhigos. Simone's Cuisine by Simone Beck (John Murray, £5) shows a meeting of France and the United States in a series of elaborate menus that need time, care, skill and money to get together. The House and Ways of French Cooking, by Alnet Lach (Chicago, £3.95) is of Mrs Beeton dimension, has notes of decorations, on wine and offers classical menus as well as hundreds of recipes. Well indexed. Latin scholars and culinary archaeologists will like The Roman Cookery Book by Apicius (Harrap, £2.50) translated by Barbara Flower and Elizabeth Rosenbaum. The Romans seem to have had the ability to make even greco beans into something quite revolting. Astrology in the Kitchen, by Ivor Powell (Elm Tree, £2.50) links your zodiac sign to taste



The broken mizzen mast on Chay Blyth's Great Britain II.

Round the world under sail

Theirs is the Glory By Chay Blyth

(Hodder & Stoughton, £3.50)

A group of paratroopers selected for roughness as well as compatibility, an incorrigible adventurer, the first fully-crewed yacht race round the world: ingredients for high drama? You would certainly think so. And some of the drama is conveyed by Chay Blyth in his book Theirs is the Glory. Yet it is curious that the most compelling part is the description of the events before the race is started. The author's growing desire to enter and win the Whitbread Round-the-World Race, his search for a sponsor to pay for the large fast yacht he wanted,

the building of the boat and the selection of a crew are told simply and well and give considerable understanding of Blyth's character. But the account of the race itself is an undoubted disappointment. In choosing to tell the story by excerpts from his personal log, and those of one or two crew members, with linking passages, he has sacrificed continuity and tension without gaining real insight. Diary entries tend to be written in brief, as remind the writer of the events and feelings of his day. Another reader needs a more explicit and ordered narrative to gain a comprehensive impression of the personal environment of the writer. Although I respect Blyth for deliberately declining to indulge in the fashionable pur-

suit of detailing the personal conflicts on board ship I must confess to feeling that this leaves much of the story untold. Such a race is romantic because of the stresses it engenders in the men and boats which compete in it and the reader does want to know a little more how these stresses were relieved, particularly in view of the emphasis in the early part of the book on Blyth's home-made method of selecting his crew. However, despite these shortcomings, some fine descriptive passages and the excellent photographs quicken the pulse and make one realize what an adventure it must have been. Nicolette Milnes Walker

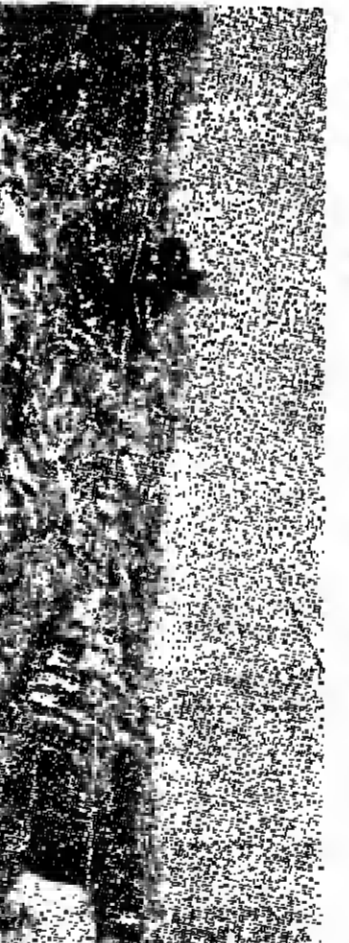
Life styles on the rocks

Climbers and armchair mountaineers are either going to have to spend a lot of money this Christmas or make some difficult decisions of choice, for suddenly a glut of good climbing books have been produced, most of which would deserve the status of essential books to any climbing collection.

There are three books of climbing memoirs. Trevor Braham in Himalogun Odyssey (Allen & Unwin, £6.50) covers a lifetime spent wandering through the Himalayas, mainly in the smaller peaks in mini expeditions. Although useful for reference purposes, the narrative is a trifle pedestrian and fails to capture the romance and beauty that is present in even minor Himalayan peaks and places. Walter Bonatti's The Great Days (Collins, £3.85) is altogether stronger meat. Bonatti is undoubtedly the most outstanding mountaineer of the postwar period and is amongst the great climbers of all time. Climbing is a dangerous game where each climber takes himself as close to the edge of life as his own nerve and skill will allow. In this respect solo climbing, where he is completely self-sufficient, dependent on his own judgment and strength, must be the ultimate in climbing.

Big Wall Climbing, by Doug Scott (Kaye & Ward, £4.75) helps to put it all in perspective. It is the first comprehensive account of the development and technique of big wall climbing throughout the world to be produced. I must confess a partisan interest in the book, since Doug Scott asked me to write the foreword, but it is an invaluable book for both reference and to get an insight into the way climbing has developed from the days of the early rock climbers to the way out hard men of Yosemite today. Hard Rock: Great British Rock Climbs, compiled by Ken Wilson (Hard-Davis, MacGibbon, £6.95) provides an excellent foil to Doug Scott's book. It is a beautifully produced commecially styled book with photographs and text of 60 of the best rock climbs in Britain, ranging from the big crags of Scotland, Wales and the Lakes to the outcrops of the Peoines and Mendips with some seacliff climbing thrown in. It is much more than just another book of climbs, for Wilson has assembled an impressive array of writing talent which succeeds in capturing the rich and varied flavour of British climbers and climbing.

The Eiger, by Doogal Haston (Cassell, £3.95). Here we are back to serious climbing. This brings the history of the Eiger north wall up to date with the story of the recent ascent of alternative lines straightening out the original north wall route point. Three of these new routes were made with siege tactics, one with a bolt ladder—methods out of tune with the modern climbing ethic, as expressed by Bonatti and Messner. Haston, in an account which is both vivid and accurate, adopts a pragmatic approach in part no doubt because of his own involvement in the siege of the Eiger direct in the winter of 1966. Climb to the Lost World, by Hamish MacInnes (Hodder & Stoughton, £3.40) provides some light relief. Here a group of four hard-boozing, hard-swearing British climbers—Jne Brown, Don Williams, Mo Antoinne and MacInnes—tackle Roraima, a jungle clad rock wall in Guyana. There isn't a munitions ethic in the book; they carry heavy artillery in the shape of a bolt guo, lay siege to the mountain and have innumerable grips with tarantulas, scorpions, snakes, BBC camera teams, Guyanese secret agents and thick deep slime—it might not be serious mountaineering but it is fun to read. Chris Bonington



During the second ascent—from Dougal Haston's "The Eiger."

Roger Baker

Chess galore

Ever since Bobby Fischer became one of the strangest heroes, books about chess have been falling from the presses with the regularity of November rain. The World of Chess, by Anthony Saily and Norman Lessing (Collins, £3.95), a beautifully illustrated romp through the history of the Royal Game from its Indian beginnings to the court of the demon king. Chess addicts will learn no new moves, but may be fascinated by the hilarious chapter on the recollections of a coffeehouse player. One of these, Dr Slowly, who had a fixation about the 'boos of Christ' annoyed other players with his barangues. 'Hey, Slowly', a chessplayer some tables away would yell out, 'do you believe in the hereafter?' 'So?' 'So hereafter keep your mouth shut!' Tim Jones

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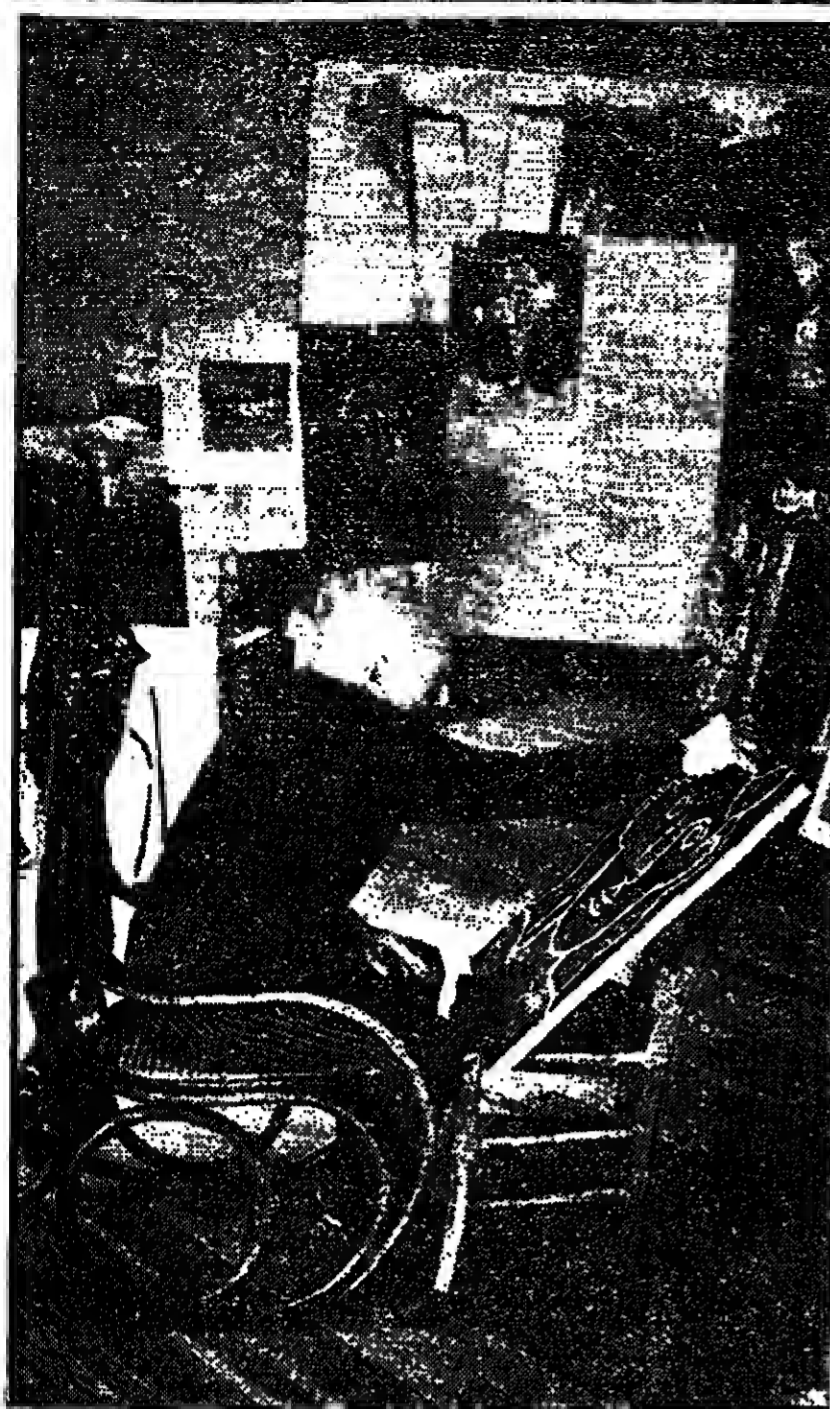
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Jacqueline Roque—a drawing from 1960, and Picasso at work in his studio at Notre-Dame-de-Vie, still pouring out paintings, lithos and linos, etchings, ceramics, steel sculptures and bronzes at the age of 80, from David Douglas Duncan's "Goodbye Picasso", reviewed below.

The Oreads, by William Bouguereau—from "The Heyday Painting" by Aleksa Celebonovic (Thames & Hudson, £10.50)

Masterpieces, ancient, modern and within reach

The most covetable item in the Christmas art lists must be, for almost anyone, *The Book of Kells* (commentary by Françoise Henry; Thames & Hudson, £25 till December 31, thereafter £29). This is of course pricey, but not, for what it offers, truly expensive.

The manuscript itself, in Trinity College, Dublin, is a masterpiece of original imaginative invention that, according to some, has not been surpassed in British art in all the thousand and more years that have passed since the monks in Iona or Kells (no Meath), or both, unravelled its fantastic intricacies. But it is a masterpiece that a layman has virtually no chance of ever being allowed to survey—a single spread in a safely muted light and under glass is all one can hope for. By this publication it becomes available.

The reproductions, about original size, are not claimed as facsimiles, but as, so-to-speak, equivalents. They are of very high quality. The missing elements, the visual and material texture of bruised vellum; the relief of line and colour; the patina, fragrance almost of decadent centuries—these one has to infer. The commentary by Françoise Henry is admirable; lucidly learned and presented in a humanely unconfused by the controversial issues of origins and influences (though none is better qualified to indulge in them than she).

Of books devoted to individual artists, two are essentially a selection of reproductions, with brief introductions and commentaries. *Magnificence*, by A. M. Hammacher (Thames & Hudson, £10.50), has a good range of 48 large plates; if not

always without some fairly resonant plonking, the dread challenge of offering reasonable comment on the great realist's strictly and definitively anti-reasonable images. If you find the man gazing serenely at you is doing so from a face grown at the back rather than the front of his head, maybe a simple greeting (Why hello there!) is best.

Kenneth Clark in *Henry Moore—Drawings* (Thames & Hudson, £12) gives 304 reproductions, and confines himself to brief but incisive commentary. This is the first commercially adequate selection of Moore's drawings, and proves mesmerizing in its revelation of the imaginative fecundity as well as the formal magnificence of his draughtsmanship, continuous from the impressive maturity of his student days through (with a break when he did little drawing, between 1950 and 1970) to the startling new departures of the past four years. A beautiful book, bringing strong support for those who claim Moore not only as the greatest living sculptor, but also as one of the greatest draughtsmen.

And then Picasso—though, almost unbelievably, dead—continuing vital in books about him. *Goodbye Picasso* (Times Books, £9.95) is a celebration by the American photographer David Douglas Duncan, of a 17-year-long friendship; it includes a section "Autobiography to paint", mainly of Picasso's versions of the many women in his life (including some very little known paintings), but its essential interest lies in Duncan's vivid photographic reporting of Picasso in his day-to-day living—not the least part perhaps of that extraordinary genius was his physical presence.

Picasso: His Life, his Art (edited by Domenico Porzio and Marco Valsecchi, Secker & Warburg, £7.95) has some claim to

the best one-volume general introduction to the paintings available; a concise, illustrated biographical account, plus 164 colour plates—a judicious selection, weak perhaps on the past 20 years but many might agree with that. The colour is dazzling, even if the dazzled reader may be sobered up by comparing, in these two books, the discrepancies of colour in reproductions they have in common.

The latest in the long series of books on another genius of even more formidable inventiveness is a compendium, *The Unknown Leonardo* (edited by Ladislav Reti, Hutchinson, £9.75); a series of contributions, by distinguished experts, on many facets of that universal man—painter, scientist, technocrat. Just the sheer quantity of reproductions makes it good

value, but there is trouble in the design—such a tasteful welter of reproductions, chopped up text, and captions, that I found it impossible to read consecutively, though endlessly stimulating to dip into. Note the stunning, and I think new, revelation of Leonardo's design for a bicycle.

Thence to *Samuel Palmer*, by James Sellars (Academy Editions, £15.75) is a loog and quiet step. This will be welcome to the ever-growing band of Palmer's devotees. Mr Sellars does not add much new apart from a rather nagging insistence on the (sub-consciously) sexual nature of Palmer's imagery, but his devotion to his subject shines through, while he offers, I think for the first time, an appreciable selection of reproductions in colour, and also

respects those works of Palmer's latter days in which the "visionary gleam" sometimes said to have vanished entirely after the early Shoreham idylls, can still haunt, even if diminished, his drawing.

Three other less frequently discussed artists receive belated but full attention. Dr Duncan Thomson's *The Art and Life of George Jamesone* (Clarendon Press, £12.75) offers a definitive re-assessment of this Jacobean (James VI rather than James I) portrait painter, peripheral perhaps to British art, but north of the border of devout interest as the first figure in the early sporadic history of art in Scotland: a work of devoted research. Hans Hess's *George Grosz* (Studio Vista, £9.50) is the first full-length study in English, very fully illustrated, of the life

and work of that tormenting and tormented satirist of prewar Germany. Surely, in the surgical precision and economy of his savagery, the greatest visual satirical commentator of this century, he is still only vaguely and uncomfortably recognized in England. Mr Hess's analysis both of the man and the work, should help to remedy this; it is a story of precocious genius (and great courage) followed by tragic disenchantment in his exile in America, told with acute and objective insight.

Now to an artist still very much with us, though likewise neglected by the British—Leon Underwood by Christopher Neve (Thames & Hudson, £6). Since well before he numbered Henry Moore among his pupils, in 1921, he had tended to be a lonely row, and the variety of his interests allied with the strength of his convictions and a fairly embattled nature have led him, like Blake whom he so much admires, to stand arrogantly clear of the movements of fashion over 60 years. For this, he has paid the price of vanishing from public knowledge for years at a time.

Mr Neve brings together, in this conscientious and well-illustrated book, the material for re-assessment (though inexplicably gives hardly any clues as to where original works can be seen), so far only Colchester has saluted him with a retrospective, and it is time that London saw his work, and especially his sculpture, in depth.

Two contributions to the literature of prints: *Impressionist Prints*, by Roger Passerone (Penguin, £20) might seem a (very luxe) supplement to Jean Leymarie's recent *Graphic Work of the Impressionists* which catalogued and reproduced in full the prints of Manet, Pissarro, Renoir, Cézanne and Sisley. But, while a selection, it covers a wider area, from Bonington up to Van Gogh, Toulouse-Lautrec, Bon-

nard and Vuillard (and not least the bewitching domesticities of Mary Cassatt). The large plates are sometimes magnificent, with expert and illuminating technical comments on them.

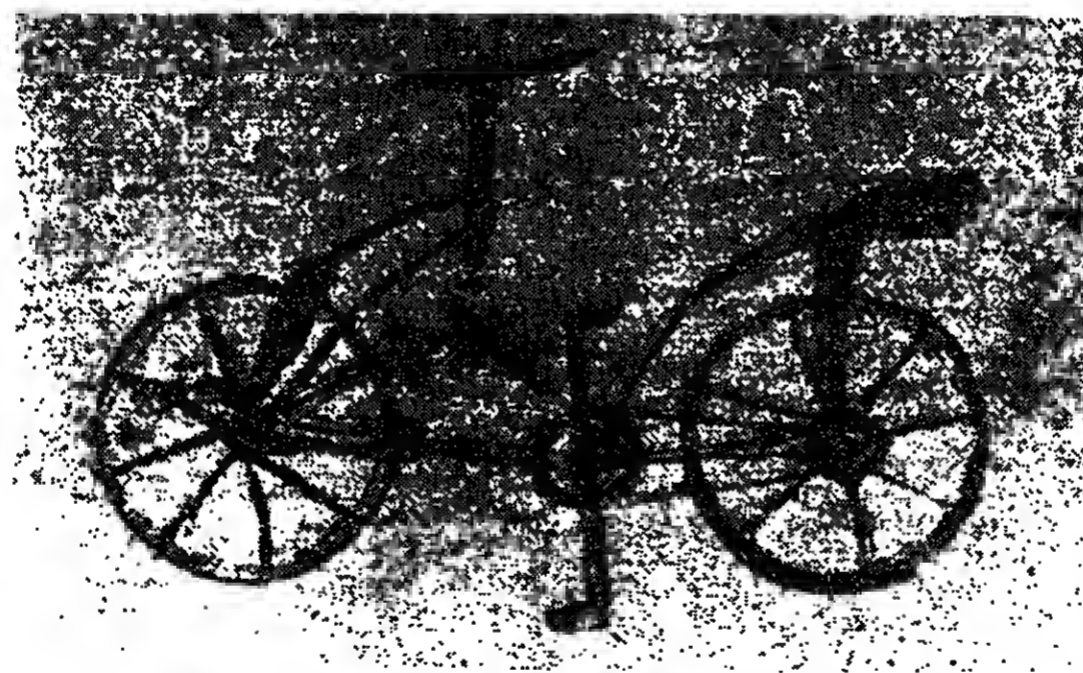
Very different is F. L. Wilder's *English Sporting Prints* (Thames & Hudson, £8.50), a natural for the sofa-table to the country-house drawing room; an anthology of colour prints featuring especially of course the horse, redolent of periods when the gentry bad world enough and time. The commentaries are concerned chiefly with the sporting characters (human and animal) depicted.

Finally, three books of both more general scope and specialist interest, all of which establish themselves forthwith as standard reference works—as such they tend to be taken for granted, the long hard slog of their gestation ungratefully forgotten. *The Rise of English Provincial Art: Artists, Patrons and Institutions outside London 1800-1830*, by Trevor Fawcett (Clarendon Press, £7.50) adds a new dimension to our knowledge of early nineteenth-century art, drawing heavily on close scanning of the provincial press. Mr Fawcett's achievement is not only controlling and presenting his material so clearly but rendering it positively readable, is something of a triumph.


For the student and the collector of icons, *Icons and their Dating*, by Tamara and the late David Talbot Rice (Thames & Hudson, £10.50), will be indis-

pensable equipment together all early icons (Byzantine, Persian, Greek, Russian) to which can be attached a watery. The problem is crucial: forms of icons changed through centuries, but here guide-cum-training anyone venturing very popular a tricky subject.

In the field of *Early Victorian* Richard Ormond (volumes, £25) is the rior to the script-Portrait Gallery accounts for, in produces all the period (approximately) that belong to the lists also (officially) known to other collectors: these are important them too for good. I suspect that n biographers n publishers), are as of the value offered to them logues: Mr Ormond is well up to set by Dr Roy Sit in Tudor portrait it cannot be so the quantity of iug (and Mr Ormond's photograph greater.



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The menu of do-it books this year seems longer and more bewildering than in Christmas past. The pick of the table is the *Encyclopedia of Antique Restoration and Maintenance* (Studio Vista, £5). Such diverse subjects as Beaufort carpets, clocks and wickerwork, even knives with loose blades, have their care and repairment well explained and illustrated. It is written with the expert editorial help of specialists such as Dennis Young and Karen Finch. There is a general appendix of all materials and equipment required and good cross-referencing throughout.

The *Art of Dried and Pressed Flowers*, by Pamela Westland and Paula Critchley (Ward Lock, £2.95). As well as providing long-lasting coffee table decoration it contains fresh information on growing, drying, preserving and using flowers, leaves and berries. There is an excellent chapter on making pot-pourri, the dried casserole of petals and leaves that is "like taking the stopper off a bottle of expensive scent". They also provide culinary ideas with recipes for edible dried flower delicacies as well as the implausible-sounding "Pickled Rosebuds" which are, appar-

ently, "especially good mixed with cream cheese as fillings for sandwiches and pancakes".

Wine and Beer-making at Home, by Kenneth Hill (William Lustcombe, £2.50) joins an already vast shelf of brewing manuals. But Mr Hill is the only man to have won both the national wine and beer making championships and his comprehensive book caters for the novice's basic needs as well as those of the more experienced home vintner. He shows how to use concentrates and tinned fruits as well as fresh materials. Traditional imbibers' pleasures are recorded too in J. E. Manners' *Country Crafts Today* (David & Charles, £3.50). It describes cider making and advises against drinking more than two pints at one sitting. The anthology includes the different roofs of thatching (one craft very much alive today) and the making of dew ponds (one that has been extinct, it says, since 1940).

Crafts and Craftsmen, edited by Bruce Alexander (Croom Helm, £2.55) would be an interesting travel companion to keep permanently in the car. The book is divided into sections such as "Fairground Painting", and "Dry Stone Walling". The gazetteer includes craftsmen found in all parts of the British Isles today. The lists of folk museums and relevant crafts addresses are particularly useful.

Guide to Craft Suppliers, by Judy Allen (Studio Vista, £2.75 and £1.30) provides an even more detailed address book. It has data of shops and people active in crafts old and new. And since craft people do tend to keep to unusual time schedules it is good to have details of their opening hours.

Amulets, Charms and Talismans, by Deborah Lippman and Paul Cohn (Cassell, £3.50 & £1.95). A late teenager's pleasure, this book includes instructions for "Egg Love Charms". By filling a blown-out shell with cigarette butts, nail parings and other discarded exotica, "the aura will surround your beloved just as the egg of love surrounds the relics".

Ideas for Fabric Printing and Dyeing, by Peter H. Gooch (Batsford, £2.20) should appeal to all ages. The suggestions are infectious and clear instructions help the beginner. All Made

From Paper by Valerie Janitch (Ward Lock, £2.50) would also be suitable for any age group. Dexterity and patience are the only qualifications. By following simple diagrams it is possible to execute ephemeral "Sugar plum fairies" and mobiles alluringly entitled "Ring of roses" and "Flying high". *Symbolism stretches throughout.*

I recommend the Collins *Creative Craft Book* series by Maggi Bennett, Sarajean Capua and Jeanette McArthur. *Jewellery Anyone Can Make*, *Crayon Craft*, *Holiday Party and Gift Ideas* and *Stitchery* are outstanding value at £1.25 each. And, of course, no how-to list is complete without more news about canvas work embroidery. The wave of stitchery books giving inspiration and tuition has not yet abated. Two of the latest to cross the Atlantic are Margaret Boyles' *Needlepoint Stitchery* (Studio Vista, £3.95) and *Needlepoint for Everyone* by Mary Brooks Picken and Doris White with Claire Valentine (David & Charles, £5.50). Ms Picken is an inventive author. She now extends her versatility to include embroidered record sleeves.

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